

sanctions enforcement, experts say, noting that agencies may use the data to beef up existing probes or open brand new ones.

### **FDIC Needs Improved Economy To Boost New Bank Creation**

Recent moves by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. to spur new bank formation show that the regulator has opened the door for new market entrants, but experts say that investors looking to start banks will still be hampered by low interest rates and other market conditions.

### **'Microdrone' Rule May Delay FAA Drone Regs Takeoff**

A separate set of proposed operating standards for "microdrones" flying over crowds is weighing down an already drawn-out process to regulate the burgeoning unmanned aircraft systems industry, experts say, stoking fears that the Federal Aviation Administration could take even longer to finalize its highly anticipated small-commercial-drone rule.

### **7th Circ.'s FERC Ruling Leaves Hurdles For Grid Upstarts**

The Seventh Circuit recently rejected challenges to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's use of its rule designed to boost competition for new electric transmission development, but experts say the decision leaves in place significant roadblocks for independent developers aiming to beat out incumbent utilities for the right to build new projects.

## **BANKING & SECURITIES**

### **Bank VP Again Pushes To Integrate European Capital Markets**

A European Central Bank official continued to push for a capital markets and banking union on the continent, arguing in a speech in Brussels Thursday that the moves would help stabilize and revitalize European Union markets.

## **ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL**

### **EPA, Enviros Fight 5th Circ. Bid For Haze Plan Delay**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and environmental groups urged the Fifth Circuit on Thursday not to delay the agency's regional haze plan for Texas and Oklahoma while it's being challenged in court, reiterating that the court doesn't have jurisdiction over the matter.

## **TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Port Authority Reform Bill Clears A Hurdle, But More Remain**

The New Jersey Assembly on Thursday gave final legislative approval to a Port Authority of New York and New Jersey reform bill proposing greater oversight of the scandal-plagued bistate agency, but the measure's uncertain fate depends on not only the governor's signature but also the passage of identical legislation in New York.

### **Senate Bill Will Require Airlines To Report Cyberattacks**

A new bill introduced in the U.S. Senate will require airlines to report cyberattacks against airplanes to federal authorities, a proposal that follows a Federal Aviation Administration request for private sector assistance in gauging the risks posed by increased connectivity between airplanes and external communication networks.

### **Group Accuses Google Of 'Ploy' To Skirt Auto Safety Regs**

Kenyon & Kenyon

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Milbank Tweed

Morris Manning

Orrick Herrington

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Stinson Leonard

Stoel Rives

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## **COMPANIES**

1-800 Contacts Inc.

Albertsons LLC

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America Fujikura Ltd.

American Airlines Group Inc.

American Bar Association

American Cable Association

American College of Surgeons Inc.

American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations

Apple Inc.

Baker Hughes Inc.

Bausch & Lomb

Nonprofit group Consumer Watchdog urged the U.S. Department of Transportation Thursday not to help Google Inc.'s self-driving cars cut around automotive safety regulations in what the organization said was a "ploy" masked as an effort to remove regulatory roadblocks.

## EMPLOYMENT

### **Wis. Judge Strikes Down Gov. Walker's 'Right-To-Work' Law**

A Wisconsin state judge on Friday struck down a ban on labor contracts that require private sector workers to pay union dues, a win for unions challenging the so-called "right-to-work" law in a state suit against Republican Gov. Scott Walker.

### **Puerto Rico Judge OKs Gay Marriage After 1st Circ. Order**

A Puerto Rico federal judge said he would declare the territory's ban on same-sex marriage unconstitutional, after the First Circuit kicked another judge off the case who said the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges* didn't automatically apply to the island.

### **NJ Wants Gov't Contract Bidders To Submit Gender Pay Report**

Companies hoping to clinch New Jersey state contracts would have to ensure their gender-based pay equity and job equality standards pass muster under a Democrat-backed bill that passed the state Assembly Thursday.

## COMPETITION

### **LD Vision Tells 10th Circ. Utah Is Blind To Lens Price Law**

LD Vision Group told the Tenth Circuit on Friday that the Utah Attorney General's Office has failed to enforce a ban on the setting of minimum prices for contact lenses, a provision contained in a state law that companies such as Alcon Inc. and Bausch & Lomb Inc. are challenging as unconstitutional.

## PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

### **Texas News Site Wins Appeal, Release Of Austin City Emails**

In a case of first impression, a Texas appellate court on Friday held that Austin city officials were wrong to redact their personal email addresses in documents released in response to an open records request by the Austin Bulldog news website.

### **NJ Sen. Asks Feds To Probe Airline Pricing Practices**

U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., on Friday urged the U.S. Department of Transportation to investigate practices recently implemented by large airlines to only advertise their most expensive fare options for travelers booking multi-city trips, charging hundreds of dollars more for round-trip versus one-way fares for the exact same flights.

## PRODUCT LIABILITY

### **USDA Floats Better Conditions For Organic Farm Animals**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Thursday proposed new farming requirements for organic poultry and livestock that would clarify for the first time how much space they should have to engage in their natural behaviors and

Cephalon, Inc.  
Competitive Carriers Association  
Consumer Watchdog  
CooperVision Inc.  
Endo International Plc  
GlaxoSmithKline  
Google Inc.  
Halliburton Company  
International Association of  
Machinists and Aerospace  
Workers  
International Bar Association  
Johnson & Johnson  
Kraft Foods Inc.  
Lambda Legal Defense &  
Educational Fund  
Luminant Generation Co. LLC  
MetLife Inc.  
National Railroad Passenger  
Corporation  
Novartis AG  
Office Depot Inc.  
Organic Trade Association  
Pfizer Inc.  
Philadelphia Eagles  
Philip Morris USA Inc.  
Protiviti Inc.  
R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.  
Safeway Inc.  
Securus Technologies Inc.  
Sierra Club  
Space Exploration Technologies  
Corp.  
Staples, Inc.  
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Verizon Communications  
Waste Management, Inc.  
Xcel Energy Inc.  
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## GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

would ban controversial practices such as debeaking birds and face-branding cattle.

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE

### Industry Rep. Says Food Label 'Clawback' Hurts US Trade

Overbearing rules that "claw back" food names so that only certain geographic producers can use them hamper U.S. agricultural sales in European and global markets, a trade group representative said Friday, rejecting claims that American concerns about such indicators are overblown.

### WTO Seeks Permanent Review System For Regional Accords

World Trade Organization members are calling for a provisional transparency mechanism that monitors increasingly popular regional trade deals to become permanent to ensure the deals don't replace a multilateral trading system, according to a Friday announcement.

## TAX

### Settlement In Miami SkyRise Suit Bars Use Of Public Funds

Miami-Dade County mayoral candidate Raquel Regalado has gained an agreement that the planned \$430 million SkyRise Miami entertainment tower will not employ any public funds, in a settlement to her challenge of a \$9 million county subsidy for infrastructure related to the project.

## BANKRUPTCY

### NJ Education Agency Can't Freeze Atlantic City's Assets

A New Jersey judge on Friday declined the state Department of Education's bid to freeze Atlantic City's assets until the struggling resort town can pay down the \$34 million it owes its school district, according to reports Friday.

## NATIVE AMERICAN

### Kansas Gov. Signs Tribal Cigarette-Tax Pacts Into Law

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback has signed new cigarette tax agreements with the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation into law in an effort to improve accounting for cigarettes and tobacco products sold on tribal lands.

### Navajo Leader Backs Call For EPA Subpoena Over Mine Spill

Navajo President Russell Begaye on Thursday applauded Sen. John McCain's call for the Senate Indian Affairs Committee to issue a subpoena for the head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to appear at an upcoming field hearing on the Gold King mine spill.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

### FCC's Wheeler Pushes Business Data Services Regs

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler advocated in a Friday blog post a plan to apply a new and technology-neutral regulatory framework to the business data services market, saying it will replace 20th century regulations with rules that match the 21st century.

### FCC's Pai Dinged Over Panelist's Prison Telecom Ties

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Federal Trade Commission  
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Council

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Internal Revenue Service  
Iowa Tribe of Kansas and  
Nebraska

Missile Defense Agency  
National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration

Navajo Nation  
Office of Foreign Assets Control  
Port Authority of New York & New  
Jersey

Puerto Rico Department of Justice  
Securities and Exchange  
Commission

U.S. Department of Justice  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
U.S. Environmental Protection  
Agency

U.S. Senate

U.S. Supreme Court

United Nations

Wisconsin Department of Justice

A prisoner rights advocacy group criticized Federal Communications Commission member Ajit Pai for not disclosing a panelist at a Wednesday event's ties to a prison telecommunications company Friday, saying it misled the public about the panelist's intentions.

## EXPERT ANALYSIS

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### **In Congress: Kicking Off 3 Busy Weeks**

This week, both chambers will be in session, kicking off three busy weeks of legislative activity before the next scheduled recess. The Senate will resume consideration of its proposal to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration, while the House will be taking up legislation related to the Federal Communications Commission's net neutrality rules and two bills related to domestic finance reforms. Attorneys with Covington & Burling LLP lay out the agenda.

### **ACA Coverage As Predicted, But From Unexpected Sources**

The Congressional Budget Office's recent report on growth in federal spending for health insurance, shows that the CBO's original estimates of the impact of the Affordable Care Act on overall health insurance coverage by 2016 were relatively close to its current projections, but the sources of that coverage were dramatically different, say attorneys at Dentons.

### **Proposed FDA Powdered Glove Ban: Effect On Device Makers**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's recent proposal to ban powdered gloves could be an indication that the FDA is dusting off its little-used authority to ban medical devices, when the balance of harm versus utility is overwhelming, but should device makers be worried that this signals a trend? ask attorneys at Sidley Austin LLP.

### **Mortgage Disclosure Act And Multifamily Lending: Part 1**

In the first of a two-part series, attorneys at Mayer Brown LLP offer an overview of how recently amended Regulation C will impact multifamily housing under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, including which institutions and transactions are covered.

## LEGAL INDUSTRY

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### **5 Legal Cliches That Could Land You In Hot Water**

Every dog has its day, but not every cliché has a place in your next filing. Legal writing can be so cliché-ridden that we decided to go the extra mile and bring you a second installment of expressions that are as clear as mud.

### **3 Red Flags Attys Should Look For While Vetting Clients**

As the Panama Papers leak puts a spotlight on the role that attorneys can play — sometimes inadvertently — in abetting money laundering, here are three red flags experts say to watch for to avoid taking on an unnecessarily risky client.

### **Shearman & Sterling Gives Thumbs-Up To Work From Home**

Shearman & Sterling LLP is instituting an official flexible work policy, a representative for the firm confirmed Friday, allowing counsel and associates in the Americas to work from home.

### **Holland & Knight Raises 1st-Year Pay To \$145K In South Fla.**

Holland & Knight LLP is raising salaries for first-year associates in its South Florida offices by \$10,000 to \$145,000, the firm confirmed Friday.

### **Hueston Hennigan Springs For \$10K Atty Bonuses Firmwide**

Associates at the still young business litigation and white-collar defense boutique Hueston Hennigan LLP found themselves under a nice spring shower of money this week, when the firm reportedly handed out \$10,000 bonuses regardless of hours worked so far this year.

### **GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News Of The Week**

New U.S. Department of Treasury regulations could spell doomsday for inversions, the government incentivizes coming clean on Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations, and a chasm emerges between law firms and their corporate clients on diversity. These stories top the corporate legal news you may have missed last week.

### **In Case You Missed It: Hottest Firms And Stories On Law360**

For those who missed out, here's a look back at the law firms, stories and expert analyses that generated the most buzz on Law360 last week.

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### What To Watch For During Obama's Historic Cuba Trip

President Barack Obama's landmark trip to Cuba marks the culmination of more than a year's worth of intense efforts to normalize economic and political relations with the island nation after decades of its isolation. Here, experts share four potential outcomes of the president's Havana tour.

### Senate Bill Would Restrict Where Patent Suits Can Be Brought

A U.S. Senate bill introduced Thursday would place new restrictions on where patent suits can be filed, including taking telecommuting employees out of the equation and requiring defendants have physical facilities in the relevant district.

### Froman Dismisses Notion Of Renegotiating TPP

U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman on Friday roundly rejected the notion that the U.S. could lead a renegotiation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement, but said his office remains open to addressing fears about the agreement's intellectual property and banking data provisions.

### White House Campaign To Confirm Garland Picks Up Steam

With a new website soliciting volunteers, an active Twitter account and media appearances by President Barack Obama, the campaign by liberal groups and the White House to secure Merrick B. Garland's confirmation to the U.S. Supreme Court has picked up speed since the D.C. Circuit chief judge's Wednesday nomination.

### Ex-Conn. Gov. Fights Campaign Fraud Rap In 2nd Circ.

A lawyer for former Connecticut Gov. John Rowland urged the Second Circuit on Friday to overturn his trial conviction for allegedly hiding his involvement in two federal election campaigns, saying that prosecutors had won the case by misapplying a provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

### Commerce Sets Up Panel To Attract Foreign Investment

The U.S. Department of Commerce on Friday said it has established a private-sector committee to advise agency Secretary Penny Pritzker on how to draw more foreign investment to the United States amid increased global competition.

## ANALYSIS

## LAW FIRMS

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Crowell & Moring  
DLA Piper  
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Fenwick & West  
Gardere Wynne Sewell  
Goodwin Procter  
Greenberg Traurig  
Haynes and Boone  
Hobbs Straus  
Hueston Hennigan  
Jenner & Block  
Jones Day  
K&L Gates  
Katten Muchin  
Kaye Scholer



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## **Hazy Revamp Of Large-Business Audits Offers IRS Leeway**

As the Internal Revenue Service begins rolling out an overhaul of the way it audits the largest corporations, tax professionals say they are still unsure about what exactly the revamp will look like, and that could be by design.

## **New Gas Pipeline Safety Rules Expand PHMSA's Reach**

Sweeping safety regulations proposed Thursday by the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration could broaden the agency's authority by getting rid of exemptions for old pipelines and extending the agency's jurisdiction over the nation's natural gas pipeline system closer to the gas sources themselves, experts say.

## **Uneven Resolution Regimes Pose Risks To Global Banks**

A Friday report from global regulators highlighted the progress that countries housing most of the world's largest, systemically important banks have made in setting up regimes to safely take them apart when they fail, but experts say slowing progress in other jurisdictions could present problems.

## **The Amarin Win: How Cahill Gordon Took On The FDA**

When Amarin Pharma this month nailed down a seismic win for Big Pharma's off-label marketing, it was the climax of a First Amendment case painstakingly developed by three seasoned attorneys at Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP. In an interview with Law360, they discussed the case's origins, why it succeeded and where things go from here.

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## **BANKING & SECURITIES**

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### **DC Circ. Sends Risk-Retention Rule Suit To District Court**

The D.C. Circuit on Friday sent to district court a Wall Street interest group's challenge to federal regulations requiring investment firms to retain an interest in debt securities they issue, finding that Congress hadn't explicitly given the appellate court initial jurisdiction over the rule.

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## **ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL**

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### **States Hope Second Mercury Rule Petition Is The Charm**

More than 20 states and state agencies have asked the U.S. Supreme Court to force the D.C. Circuit to vacate a controversial mercury air pollution law while the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency revises it.

### **Texas Wants 5th Circ. To Delay EPA Haze Rule**

Texas has asked the Fifth Circuit to stay a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rule that replaces the state's plan for reducing regional haze at national parks and scenic areas with a federal one, arguing electricity may be provided less reliably if the rule isn't stalled.

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## **HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES**

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### **Fla. Gov. Suspends 2 On Hospital Board Amid Investigation**

Florida Gov. Rick Scott suspended two members of the Broward Health Board of Commissioners, including its chair, on Friday, citing the state chief inspector general expressing "grave concerns" about the officials' interference with her ongoing investigation into the board's operations.

Kramer Levin

Locke Lord

McDermott Will

Miller & Chevalier

Mintz Levin

Munger Tolles

Murphy & McGonigle

Nauman Smith

Paul Hastings

Paul Weiss

Pepper Hamilton

Perkins Coie

Porter Hedges

Pulman Cappuccio

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AT&T Inc.

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Amazon.com Inc.

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Apple Inc.

Atlantic Health System Inc.

Avaya Inc.

Bipartisan Policy Center

CBS Corporation

CSX Corporation

CTIA

Caesars Entertainment

Competitive Carriers Association

Computer & Communications

Industry Association

Cray Inc

Danaher Corporation

Elan Corporation, plc

## TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

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### **EPA Rule Tweak Allows Bad Highway Project, DC Circ. Told**

The Sierra Club and several Colorado groups have challenged at the D.C. Circuit, a recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidance that allegedly improperly cleared a \$1.2 billion Denver highway expansion under the Clean Air Act.

### **Sens. Urge DOT To Make All Airfares Available On All Sites**

A pair of Senate Democrats on Thursday called on federal transportation officials to push for more airline price competition by instituting rulemaking or investigations, saying they're concerned that airlines are pulling their fares from third-party booking websites that consumers frequently use to comparison shop.

### **Calif. \$64B High-Speed Rail Plan Lacking, Report Says**

The estimated \$64 billion first phase of California's high-speed rail project is not yet adequately funded, and a plan to end the project's first operating segment in a rural area of the San Joaquin Valley also raises concerns, the state's independent legislative analyst said Thursday.

### **Unions Want In On CSX Suit Over Mass. Sick Time Law**

Labor unions representing railroad workers sought to intervene in CSX Transportation Inc. and Amtrak's lawsuit challenging Massachusetts' new paid sick time law, telling a federal court Friday that the unions need to jump into the fight to protect their members' interests.

### **DOT, Alphabet Unit To Work On New Transportation System**

The U.S. Department of Transportation and Alphabet unit Sidewalk Labs will create a new, high-tech tracking and management system for seven cities' public transportation systems, the department announced Thursday.

## EMPLOYMENT

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### **Republicans Introduce Bill To Kill DOL's Impending OT Rule**

Congressional Republicans on Thursday introduced a bill designed to kill the U.S. Department of Labor's rule expanding overtime eligibility, which is close to being finalized, saying the DOL's rule would overly burden businesses and cost workers their jobs.

### **Public Worker Info Not Subject To Pa. Records Law Limits**

The Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court issued a published decision on Friday finding that personal information about public employees sought by a nonprofit labor reform group could be publicly released despite privacy protections enshrined in the state's Right To Know Law.

## COMPETITION

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### **Woman Accused Of Bringing Bribes To Ex-UN Officials**

A Chinese-American woman accused of carrying \$500,000 in bribes to U.N. officials including former General Assembly President John Ashe was set to be released on \$1.5 million bail Friday after her arrest on money laundering and conspiracy charges.

## PRODUCT LIABILITY

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Electric Reliability Council of Texas Inc.

Energy Future Holdings

Facebook

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV

Google Inc.

Grant Thornton LLP

Honeywell International Inc.

IMS Health Inc.

Intel Corporation

International Bar Association

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

International Business Machines Corporation

JPMorgan Chase & Co.

LSI Corporation

Loan Syndications & Trading Association

Lord & Taylor LLC

Luminant Generation Co. LLC

Microsoft Corporation

Nathan Associates Inc.

National Railroad Passenger Corporation

National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation

Netflix Inc.

New Jersey Hospital Association

New Jersey State Bar Association

New York Times Co.

Newegg Inc.

Oclaro Inc.

Office Depot Inc.

OfficeMax Incorporated

PG&E Corporation

Pacira Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Par Pharmaceutical Companies, Inc.

Planned Parenthood Federation

Public Knowledge

QUALCOMM Incorporated

Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.

San Manuel Indian Bingo & Casino

Sierra Club

Southern California Gas Co.

Sports Authority Inc.

## **Senate OKs Prescription Drug Oversight Bill**

Companies that inadvertently violate the Controlled Substances Act by allowing prescription drugs to end up in the wrong hands won't immediately have their ability to manufacture or distribute drugs suspended or revoked, according to a bill that unanimously passed the U.S. Senate on Thursday and headed to the House.

## **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS**

### **Ark. Planned Parenthood Seeks Order For Medicaid Funding**

A Planned Parenthood branch asked an Arkansas federal judge on Thursday for a court order forcing the state to allow funding for all of its Medicaid patients, an important next step in the health care provider's fight to stop the state from defunding its Medicaid programs in the wake of an abortion video scandal.

## **INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

### **USTR Opens Up Challenges To African Growth Act Eligibility**

The U.S. Trade Representative's office on Friday enacted a new process that will allow stakeholders to file their own petitions asking the agency to decide whether certain nations should continue to be eligible for preferential tariff treatment under the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

### **GOP Sens. Want New Iran Sanctions For Ballistic Tests**

A dozen Senate Republicans introduced a bill Thursday that would impose new sanctions on Iran for its recent ballistic missile tests, saying the country's actions threaten stability in the region and endanger U.S. and Israeli security interests.

### **DOL Flags Trouble Spots In Peru But Doesn't Allege Violations**

The U.S. Department of Labor said on Friday that it would keep a watchful eye on certain sectors of the Peruvian economy that have raised questions about the nation's enforcement of its labor laws but stopped short of alleging a formal violation of the bilateral trade agreement.

## **TAX**

### **UK To Scrap 'Tampon Tax' After EU Changes VAT Rules**

The United Kingdom's government announced Friday it will slash value-added taxes imposed on feminine hygiene products, joining an international movement calling for an end to the "tampon tax."

### **Christie Freezes Property Tax Rates For Nonprofit Hospitals**

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie on Friday put a two-year moratorium on property tax rates for previously exempt nonprofit hospitals and created a commission to review the state's property tax exemption law, effectively ending the dispute over when certain hospitals are exempt from property taxes.

## **IMMIGRATION**

### **USCIS Issues Final Memo On Green Card-Seeker Job Changes**

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services released a final version of a policy memo Friday on whether two jobs are the "same or similar" when it comes to green card seekers who are hoping to change positions, retaining a reference to certain U.S. Department of Labor codes that had worried attorneys.

Sprint Nextel Corporation

Staples, Inc.

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Twilio Inc.

Twitter Inc.

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ZTE Corp.

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Army Corps of Engineers

Bay Mills Indian Community

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Immigration Services

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bureau of Industry and Security

California High-Speed Rail  
Authority

Cherokee Nation

Colorado Department of  
Transportation

Department of Commerce

Department of Energy

Department of Health and Human  
Services

Department of Labor

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Environmental Protection Agency

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Federal Aviation Administration

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Federal Communications  
Commission

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Federal Election Commission

Federal Reserve System

Federal Trade Commission

Food and Drug Administration

Indian Health Service

Internal Revenue Service

International Trade Administration

Little River Band of Ottawa  
Indians

## NATIVE AMERICAN

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### **New IHS Rule Will Let Tribes Pay Docs Medicare-Like Rates**

The Indian Health Service announced a final rule on Friday that will allow the agency and tribal and urban Indian health programs to pay Medicare-like rates to physicians and other non-hospital health service providers, bringing the programs in line with other federal agencies.

### **Sen. Bill Aims To Boost Tribal Dam Maintenance, Flood Safety**

The chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs introduced a bill Thursday to address a backlog of maintenance of dams and ramp up flood prevention efforts on Native American lands.

### **Colorado, Utes Ally Against NLRB Regulation Of Tribal Casinos**

The state of Colorado and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in an unusual move joined forces Thursday to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn two Sixth Circuit decisions that backed the National Labor Relations Board's regulation of tribal casinos, arguing the rulings violate federal law and threaten both state and tribal sovereignty.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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### **FCC Says Incentive Auction On Track Despite DC Circ. Order**

The Federal Communications Commission said Friday the upcoming spectrum auction will begin on the date planned despite a court order Thursday that a Florida broadcaster protesting its exclusion can participate provisionally, but also warned that a similar ruling for stations in a separate case could delay the March 29 start.

### **Telecom Trade Groups Question FCC Lifeline Proposals**

Four telecommunications trade groups have shared "significant concerns" about certain changes the Federal Communications Commission may make to its Lifeline subsidy program for low-income consumers, saying the changes could end up harming the customers they are designed to help.

### **AT&T Tells FCC Regs Would Risk 'Avalanche' Of Text Spam**

A proposal to subject text messaging to the protections of the Federal Communications Commission's net neutrality order would result in an overloading of consumers with spam text messages, AT&T has warned the agency, recommending that it reject the regulatory approach.

## TEXAS

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### **DC Circ. Sends Texas' Voter ID Fee Fight To State Court**

The D.C. Circuit Court on Thursday kicked back to state court Texas' ongoing battle over attorneys' fees owed to three intervenors who challenged the state's voter identification law, finding there are questions over the hours worked by the attorneys and the appropriate rates.

### **Texas Group Says It Belongs In Wal-Mart's Liquor Permit Row**

The Texas Package Stores Association urged the Fifth Circuit on Thursday to overturn a district court's refusal to allow it to intervene in Wal-Mart's suit over the constitutionality of the state's ban on public companies selling liquor, saying

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Atmospheric Administration  
National Science Foundation  
Occupational Safety and Health  
Administration  
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Office of Management and Budget  
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U.S. Department of Transportation  
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as Wal-Mart's potential top competitor, it has a right to make sure its interests are represented in court.

## EXPERT ANALYSIS

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### **Huckabee Copyright Case And 'Religious Assembly' Defense**

When Mike Huckabee's presidential campaign was sued based on the alleged unauthorized public performance of "Eye of the Tiger" during a rally for Kim Davis, the Kentucky county clerk who was briefly jailed for refusing to issue same-sex marriage licenses, it raised an interesting affirmative defense — that the rally was actually a "religious assembly." But the event did not appear to follow any recognizable religious service, says Thomas Orofino of Sedgwick LLP.

### **Changing Climate: What The Paris Accord Means For China**



Chinese President Xi Jinping has asserted a diplomatic policy approach to climate change and reportedly intends to inject more Chinese elements into international rules. This includes efforts to establish a "new type of great-power relationship" with the United States, says WilmerHale's Lester Ross, chairman of the policy committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in the People's

Republic of China.

### **Smartphones And Foreign Policy: ZTE Sanctions Explained**

ZTE Corp.'s placement on the U.S. Department of Commerce's Entity List deals a significant blow to the global telecommunications equipment sector and is a setback for ZTE's U.S. suppliers, showing that even a significant impact on the U.S. economy will not protect a company from U.S. sanctions when national security and foreign policy interests are implicated, say attorneys at Goodwin Procter LLP.

### **In Congress: Senate Off, House Tackles FAA Extension**

With the Senate adjourned for two weeks and the House due to follow once legislative business concludes Wednesday, the schedule this week will be lighter than normal. But before recess, the House is expected to vote on the Senate-amended Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2016, which extends authorization for the Federal Aviation Administration, including air-traffic control operations, say Richard Hertling and Kaitlyn McClure of Covington & Burling LLP.

## LEGAL INDUSTRY

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### **7 Traits Of The Most Profitable Law Firms**

Most firms dream of raking in millions in profits-per-partner, but it doesn't take long to discover that winning big profits isn't as easy as collecting big revenue. Here, Law360 looks at the characteristics that put firms at the top of the profit-making heap.

### **Setting Up Your Own Practice: 6 Tips For Getting It Right**

Launching your own law firm or solo practice is no small task, and involves no small amount of risk, either. But done right, the rewards can be big. Here, attorneys offer six tips for striking out on your own.

### **McDermott Is Stuffing Associates' Pockets On Bonus Day**

More than half of McDermott Will & Emery LLP associates based in the U.S. will receive bonuses above the market rate — by as much as \$45,000 in some cases, the firm said Friday.

### **Young Trial Attys Face Tough Hurdles To Logging Court Time**

When it comes to logging solid courtroom experience, young litigators often find client pressures and senior partners standing in their way, but there is a growing movement to shine light on this issue to get them more time in court, according to experts.

### **Schiff Hardin Cuts 11 Associates After Partner Flight**

Following the departure of 22 partners earlier this year, Schiff Hardin LLP on Friday said that it is laying off 11 associates, which will result in a firm that has 15 percent fewer lawyers than it did at the start of 2016.

### **Mintz Levin Hits Record Revenues As Porter Hedges Slumps**

Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky & Popeo PC had a record year in 2015, boosting gross revenue by 13.9 percent for a total of \$360 million, while a slow energy market contributed to a 3.5 percent fall in revenue at Porter Hedges LLP, representatives for the firms confirmed Friday.

### **Florida Judge's Would-Be Assassin Found Guilty**

A federal jury found a Florida man guilty late Thursday of attempting to murder a Florida federal judge who had convicted and sentenced the would-be killer years earlier, and of charges related to firearms, false statements, failure to appear in court and impersonating a military officer.

### **In Case You Missed It: Hottest Firms And Stories On Law360**

For those who missed out, here's a look back at the law firms, stories and expert analyses that generated the most buzz on Law360 last week.

### **GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News Of The Week**

D.C. Circuit Chief Judge Merrick Garland and congressional rancor over the U.S. Supreme Court nominee may have dominated headlines last week, but that wasn't the only development that could affect your company. Here's the corporate legal news you might have missed.

### **5 International Arbitration Blind Spots GCs Can't Ignore**

As businesses become more international, so do their disputes, which can raise a whole host of new issues for general counsel who are more used to the U.S. court system than international arbitration. Here's what the experts say in-house counsel should watch out for.

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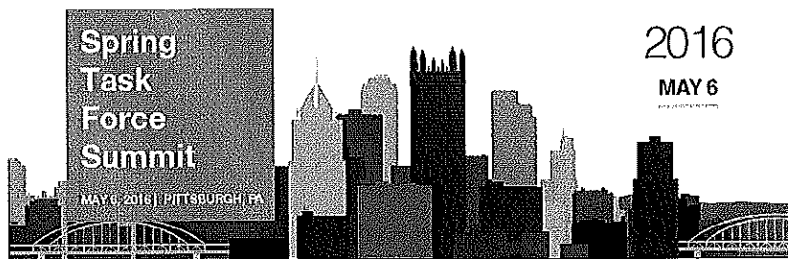
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### Sneak Peek

Below is a sneak peek into topics being discussed at our **Spring Task Force Summit...**

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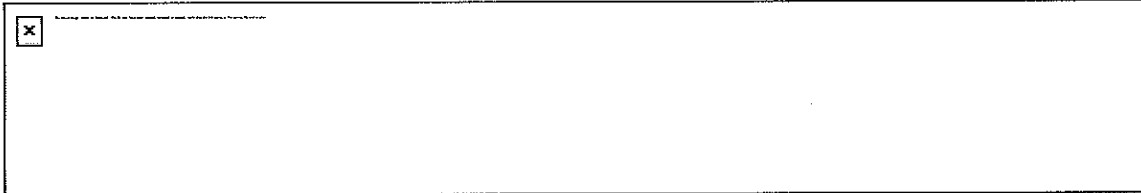
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### Right-to-Work Momentum Continues

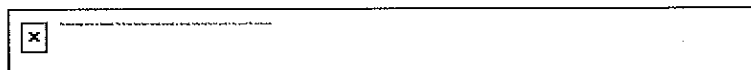
Earlier in March, West Virginia became the 26th state to enact right-to-work (RTW) legislation. RTW laws allow private sector employees to opt out of union membership. RTW laws have been around since the late 1940s, but interest in RTW legislation has been particularly high over the past four years in many union-dominated states, such as Michigan, Wisconsin, and West Virginia - all of which recently adopted right-to-work laws.

RTW opponents say right-to-work laws lower private sector wages, but research shows this claim isn't true. James Sherk, a research fellow of labor economics at The Heritage Foundation wrote in a 2015 *Background*, "[W]hen living costs are fully taken into account, private-sector workers in RTW states enjoy real wages equivalent to those in non-RTW states. Policymakers considering RTW legislation may do so confident that it will have no negative impact on private-sector wages. RTW laws do appear to slightly reduce the pay of government employees, easing constraints on hard-pressed state budgets."

On March 8, Jesse Hathaway, managing editor of *Budget & Tax News*, testified before the Maryland House Economic Matters Committee, where he explained the positive effects RTW laws have on economic growth: "Right-to-work laws create new jobs and foster economic and population growth. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, between 2002 and 2012, the economies of right-to-work states grew by 62 percent, which far outpaces the 46.5 percent growth in non-right-to-work states. Maryland should strongly consider implementing right-to-work legislation and reaping the economic benefits it will provide."

In a recent *Heartlander* article, Jim Shaffer, president of the Public Policy Foundation of West Virginia, was quoted in support of RTW laws, which he says provide workers with economic freedoms that have many benefits: "Economic freedom [is] the ability to participate [in and the ability to negotiate with] the exchange of goods and services between consenting transparent individuals, unencumbered by the auspices of government ... this is the very essence of a free market. By being forced to join a union as a condition of employment, individuals give up their right to free association [and are] forced to acquiesce to the agenda of a group that does not respect the right to voluntarily organize as a personal choice."

Right-to-work laws provide liberty to workers, create new jobs, and foster economic and population growth. As additional state legislators and officials learn about the important advantages RTW laws provide states that choose to enact them, more states will implement right-to-work reform, providing additional freedoms and prosperity to millions of Americans.



## **Budget & Tax**

### **Research & Commentary: Maryland Corporate Income Tax Reform**

Research shows high corporate income taxes are a deterrent to economic development, discouraging new businesses and high-income earners from moving into a market and incentivizing current businesses to leave. To address these problems, legislators in Maryland are now considering a significant cut in the state's corporate income tax, along with changes that would streamline the tax.

In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans argues, "The proposed corporate income tax cuts would be a step in the right direction, but lawmakers should go even further. Lowering income taxes dramatically improves a state's economy and generates new jobs." [Read more](#)

## **Constitutional Reform**

### **Heartland Daily Podcast - Kyle Maichle: Free Speech on College Campuses**

In this edition of *The Heartland Daily Podcast*, Kyle Maichle, project manager for constitutional reform, joins HDP host Donald Kendal to discuss free-speech issues on college campuses. From free-speech codes to "safe spaces," the rights of students and staff members at college campuses around the country are being hotly debated and have gained national media attention. In this interview, Maichle gives listeners some background information on the growing threats to free speech on college campuses and discusses a new report from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, which ranks colleges based on their free-speech restrictions. [Listen here](#)

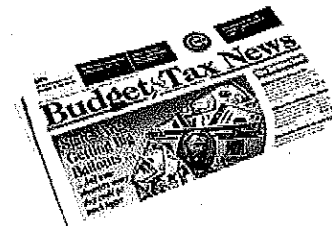
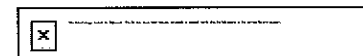
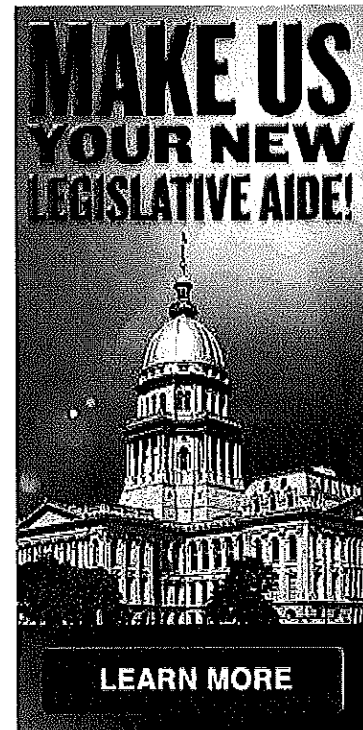
## **Education**

### **Research & Commentary: Alabama Education Savings Accounts**

On March 9, the Alabama House Education Policy Committee passed a bill that would establish an education savings account (ESA) program for children with special needs, children of active-duty Armed Forces members, children of those killed in combat, and foster children who have been adopted or have legal guardians. Under the proposed legislation, parents of these students would be able to use designated funds to attend a private school or to help pay for other education options that better suit their children's needs. The proposal would limit new participants in the program to 1,000 each year. Just over 82,000 Alabama special-needs students qualified for an ESA in 2014, according to the Alabama Department of Education (ADE). Under the new proposal, each student would receive 90 percent of allocated per-student public funds; the student's local school district would receive the other 10 percent.

In this *Research & Commentary*, Policy Analyst Tim Benson explains to readers although the plan is a step in the right direction, much more should be done: "While providing ESAs for students with special needs would be a great step forward for Alabama, the passage of a universal ESA bill would be ideal and go a long way toward remedying the state's dismal record of failing to educate its children." [Read more](#)

## **Energy & Environment**



The March issue of *Budget & Tax News* reports Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's support for convening a convention of the states to consider and draft a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced national budget.

## **Environment & Climate News**

## **Health Care News**

## **School Reform News**

### Research & Commentary: A Summary of the Impacts of Industrial Silica Sand (Frac Sand) Mining

Isaac Orr, research fellow at The Heartland Institute, and Mark Krumenacher, senior principal and senior vice president of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., have written a series of four *Policy Studies* investigating the economic, environmental, social, and roadway impacts of industrial silica sand mining, also known as “frac sand” mining. These studies are intended to help local policymakers and the general public better understand the potential impacts, both positive and negative, of industrial sand operations on their communities. This mining, the authors conclude, “is an indispensable part of life. It is not a threat to tourism, scenic beauty, or property values.” While citizens will have their concerns about the silica sand mining process, “The way to address emotional reactions is to acknowledge them, understand them, and respond to them with scientific evidence and real-world data. ... The [silica-sand mining] process has become a significant driver of economic growth in the Upper Midwest and, if done in a [safe and] environmentally responsible manner, it will be an important source employment and earnings for decades to come.” [Read more](#)

### **Health Care**

#### Research & Commentary: Health Care Price Transparency

Access to transparent health care prices remains elusive for most U.S. health care consumers, who are often insulated from price considerations by the standard third-party payment systems commonly used for medical billing. This leaves patients unaware of the cost of the treatments they receive. Patients are not given an incentive to shop around; they pay the same copay regardless of the services they choose and are not penalized for ineffective choices. Extra costs are passed on to the insurer, and premium prices increase as a result.

Several states are now considering health care price transparency legislation that would give patients greater access to price information. In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans examines price transparency laws and concludes they help to promote competition and helps to enhance product quality: “State legislators should work to promote health care price transparency in their states to help empower consumers and lower health care costs.” [Read more](#)

### **From Our Free-Market Friends**

#### The Heritage Foundation Releases the 2016 Index of Economic Freedom

For over two decades, the *Index of Economic Freedom* (IEF) has measured the impact of liberty and free markets around the globe, and the 2016 IEF confirms the formidable positive relationship between economic freedom and progress. IEF covers 10 freedoms - from property rights to entrepreneurship - in 186 countries. Economic freedom is measured using 10 quantitative and qualitative factors, grouped into four broad categories, including, rule of law (property rights, freedom from corruption); limited government (fiscal freedom, government spending); regulatory efficiency (business freedom, labor freedom, monetary freedom); and open

markets (trade freedom, investment freedom, financial freedom). [Read more](#)



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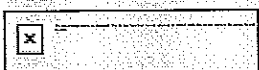
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Although it is not a Buckeye Institute event, you are cordially invited to attend an upcoming event being hosted by the Columbus Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society honoring the legacy of Justice Antonin Scalia.

# Justice Antonin Scalia Remembered: The Legacy of a Supreme Court Legend

A Lunchtime Discussion Featuring:

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The Columbus Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society cordially invites you to a luncheon honoring Justice Scalia's nearly 30 years of indelible jurisprudence on the Supreme Court. Please join us in paying tribute to a stalwart defender of the Constitution where we will enjoy personal reflections by two of his clerks.

Justice Scalia served as the first faculty advisor to the Federalist Society student chapter at the University of Chicago. He spoke at countless Federalist Society events over the years, and relished intellectual debates about interpretation and other matters. We look forward to what promises to be a warm celebration and remembrance of a legendary justice, and hope you can make it.

The cost is \$20 (\$15 if you already paid Columbus Lawyers Chapter dues for the 2015-2016 program year and \$5 for students). Lunch is included. R.S.V.P. online at [FedSocMarch29.eventbrite.com](http://FedSocMarch29.eventbrite.com) by March 25 to guarantee your seat, meal, and pre-printed nametag. Call Erin Sutter at (614) 224-4422 or email [ColumbusFedSoc@Gmail.com](mailto:ColumbusFedSoc@Gmail.com) with any questions. To join or renew your dues for the Columbus Lawyers Chapter, please bring a check for an additional \$25 payable to The Federalist Society or pay the dues through the Eventbrite website.

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## TOP NEWS

### **Dems Demand SEC Nominees' Views On Spending Disclosure**

A Senate confirmation hearing on Tuesday for two prospective members of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission turned feisty when top Democrats threatened to withhold their votes on the nominees if they don't make clear their stance on whether the agency should pass a rule requiring political spending disclosures by public companies.

### **CDC Proposes Limits For Opioid Painkillers**

Reacting to a dramatic increase in overdose deaths from opioids, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released new guidelines Tuesday asking providers to think twice before giving patients opioid painkillers.

### **Obama Removes Atlantic From Offshore Drilling Plan**

The Obama administration on Tuesday put the Atlantic Ocean off limits in its proposed five-year offshore drilling plan, an about-face that's a victory for environmentalists, East Coast communities and lawmakers that opposed the plan and a defeat for the U.S. oil industry.

### **House Committee Skewers Ex-EPA Official Over Flint Crisis**

The former U.S. Environmental Protection Agency official responsible for handling the Flint, Michigan, lead drinking water crisis faced withering criticism from the a U.S. House of Representatives committee on Tuesday, but defended the EPA's performance, saying she believes no one "did anything wrong."

### **Obama Nominates Ex-Jones Day Atty For 3rd Circ.**

President Barack Obama on Tuesday nominated an assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania and former Jones Day attorney to serve on the Third Circuit, U.S. Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., confirmed.

### **FCC Chair Defends \$368M Budget Request To Congress**

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler defended the agency's \$368 million budget request for fiscal year 2017 Tuesday from criticism by a House Appropriations subcommittee chair and fellow commissioner Ajit Pai, who pushed for restraint in the industry fee-funded budget.

## BANKING & SECURITIES

### LAW FIRMS

Akin Gump  
Arnold & Porter  
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GrayRobinson  
Holland & Knight  
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Kasowitz Benson  
Kramer Levin  
Latham & Watkins  
Ludwig & Robinson  
McGuireWoods  
Miller Starr



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## **Dodd-Frank Regs Should Spare Well-Capitalized Banks: Rep.**

A top House Republican lawmaker on Tuesday outlined an alternative to the financial regulatory system set up by the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act that includes an option for banks to raise their capital levels in order to escape the financial reform law's rules.

## **FDIC Watchdog Rips Efforts To Halt Banks' Tax-Refund Loans**

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.'s internal watchdog on Tuesday blasted the "aggressive and unprecedented efforts" to use the agency's power to force banks to stop offering a certain type of loan tied to income tax return filings, saying the agency must work to avoid similar issues in the future.

## **ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL**

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## **House Votes To Ease EPA Rules For Coal Refuse Power Plants**

The U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday passed a bill to loosen certain U.S. Environmental Protection Agency air pollution rules for power plants that burn so-called coal refuse, over vehement opposition from House Democrats and the White House.

## **HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES**

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## **Hospira Urges Fed. Circ. To Keep On-Sale Bar For Patents**

Hospira Inc. on Monday protested calls for the Federal Circuit to limit the on-sale bar to patenting inventions to public sales or exclude confidential sales, arguing inventors could game the system to extend the term of their patents.

## **IP & TECHNOLOGY**

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## **Fla. Anti-Patent Troll Law Scaled Back To Protect IP Rights**

Florida Gov. Rick Scott is poised to sign a revision to the state's one-year-old anti-patent troll law that patent attorneys say narrows the scope of the original legislation, which is intended to discourage so-called patent trolls from making bad-faith demands while still allowing small businesses to assert their patent rights.

## **TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE**

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## **FTA Rule Boosts States' Rail Transit Safety Oversight**

The Federal Transit Administration issued a final rule Monday giving states more oversight authority to keep their rail transit systems running safely, following through on a congressional mandate to shore up what had been patchwork safety practices in rail transit nationwide.

## **Cuban Travel, Banking Rules Eased Before Obama's Visit**

The U.S. eased travel restrictions to Cuba and expanded Cuban nationals' access to U.S. financial institutions and American currency on Tuesday, ahead of President Barack Obama's upcoming historic visit to the island.

## **Google, GM Push Lawmakers To Clarify Self-Driving Car Regs**

Technology and automotive giants such as General Motors and Google urged Congress on Tuesday to ease some of the regulatory roadblocks impeding the

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AbbVie Inc.

Altman Weil Inc.

America's Health Insurance Plans

American Airlines Group Inc.

American Bankers Association

American Bar Association

American Cable Association

American Medical Association Inc.

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Center for Strategic and  
International Studies

Comcast Corporation

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Football Association

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Florida Bankers Association Inc.

Florida Bar Association

Friedman LLP

General Motors

Google Inc.

rollout of self-driving or driverless cars, saying a patchwork of state-level safety regulations will stymie U.S. advancements in the technology.

## INSURANCE

### **Sens. Say HHS Ignored ACA Co-Op Program Red Flags**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services knew that the Affordable Care Act's co-op program was providing billions of dollars to financially weak insurers but continued to approve loans and failed to enhance oversight, according to a U.S. Senate subcommittee majority report.

## EMPLOYMENT

### **DOL Sends Controversial OT Rule To OMB For Quick Rollout**

The U.S. Department of Labor on Tuesday sent its hot-button final rule expanding overtime eligibility for millions of workers to the White House's Office of Management and Budget, marking the final step before the rule becomes official in the next few months.

### **Eakin Resignation May Help Pa. High Court's Battered Image**

While Justice J. Michael Eakin's sudden resignation on Tuesday in the wake of ethics charges continues an unprecedented wave of scandal-driven personnel changes on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court dating back to May 2013, experts say it may help the institution find calmer waters.

### **Teamsters Win Access To WVU Right-To-Work Emails**

A West Virginia state judge on Tuesday ordered West Virginia University to hand over unredacted emails detailing the economic impact of right-to-work legislation to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, siding with the union in its Freedom of Information Act suit.

## COMPETITION

### **Ex-NJ Political Boss Denied Bail Pending Racketeering Appeal**

Former New Jersey Democratic power broker Joseph Ferriero lost his bid for bail while he appeals his conviction for accepting kickbacks to help a software developer secure municipal business after a federal judge concluded Monday that his arguments don't sufficiently raise substantial questions of law.

### **EU, Japan Aim To Share Antitrust Investigation Evidence**

The antitrust regulators of the European Union and Japan said Tuesday that they will seek to expand their current cooperation agreement, allowing them to share information gathered during competition investigations.

### **Blago Says He Can Wait For High Court Ruling On Ex-Va. Gov.**

Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich said he is open to putting his U.S. Supreme Court petition requesting review of his corruption convictions on hold until after the high court rules in the case of ex-Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell, who was found guilty of similar charges.

## PRODUCT LIABILITY

### **Voluntary GMO Food Labeling Bill Would Preempt State Laws**

The U.S. Senate on Tuesday kicked off debate on a Republican-led bill that would establish a voluntary labeling system for genetically modified foods while

Grocery Manufacturers Association

Hospira Inc.

Hulu LLC

Immigration Reform Law Institute

International Brotherhood of Teamsters

JetBlue Airways Corporation

Lyft Inc.

McDonald's Corporation

NBCUniversal Inc.

National Rifle Association of America

Natural Resources Defense Council

Netflix Inc.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Department of Agriculture

Department of Health and Human Services

Department of Homeland Security

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Department of Labor

Environmental Protection Agency

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

barring states from implementing their own GMO labeling laws, a proposal that drew sharp criticism from Democratic lawmakers.

## GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

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### **DOD Personnel Chief Carson Resigns Amid Hill Opposition**

The Pentagon's top personnel official, who oversaw controversial reform plans that included opening all combat posts to women, resigned Monday amid Senate opposition to approving him for the job he's held for months while awaiting confirmation.

### **Biz Groups Say Planned Medicare Advantage Changes Harmful**

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and more than 40 other business associations on Tuesday asked the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services not to go through with its proposed funding changes for Medicare Advantage and to generally restore funding that had been cut from the program.

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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### **EU Confirms CFTC Harmony In Derivatives Counterparty Regs**

The European Commission said Tuesday that it has determined regulations covering the central clearing of derivatives trades established by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission are equivalent to requirements in the European Union, as regulators further implement cross-border harmonization plans.

### **US, Peru Break Deadlock Over Beef Shipments**

The Peruvian government has agreed to remove its lingering food safety restrictions on exports of U.S. beef products, opening up the lucrative South American market to domestic ranchers, U.S. trade officials announced on Monday.

### **Obama Withdraws AGOA Suspension Threat For S. Africa**

President Barack Obama on Monday abandoned his threat to revoke preferential tariff treatment for South African food items under the African Growth and Opportunity Act after the country made good on a series of commitments to open its own market to U.S. meat products.

## TAX

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### **EU Tax Crackdown On US Multinationals Stirs Up Rancor**

The European Parliament on Tuesday grilled representatives from American multinational companies including Google Inc., Apple Inc. and McDonald's Corp. on their international tax structures, adding their voices to a tax compliance effort that threatens to strain Europe-U.S. ties.

### **Fla. Gov. Says He'll Slash \$256M From \$82B Budget**

Florida Gov. Rick Scott announced Tuesday he will veto \$256 million from the \$82.3 billion state budget passed last week after lawmakers chose to reject many of his top proposals, including a \$250 million incentive fund to lure new business to the state.

### **Tax Preparers Say IRS Conceded To Cert. Redo In Fee Row**

A group of tax return preparers on Monday continued to press a D.C. federal judge to reconsider his denial of their request for class certification on restitution

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claims over a fee charged to obtain a tax return preparer identification number, saying the IRS had already conceded that jurisdiction exists.

## **BANKRUPTCY**

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### **Federal Courts 'Fine-Tune' System For Requesting Judgeships**

The top policymaking body for the federal court system on Tuesday sought to "fine-tune" requests for additional judgeships by adopting a new system for determining how much weight to give different types of cases when evaluating workload, while also throwing its support behind sentencing reform legislation.

## **IMMIGRATION**

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### **New OPT Rule Moots Tech Union's Claims, DHS Tells DC Circ.**

An ongoing fight in the D.C. Circuit over the optional practical training for foreign students will soon become moot, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security told the court Monday, just days after it unveiled new regulations for the program.

## **NATIVE AMERICAN**

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### **HUD Entitled To Recoup \$19.5M From Tribes, 10th Circ. Told**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development told the Tenth Circuit on Monday the agency had exercised its common-law authority when it recovered roughly \$19.5 million in wrongfully allocated funds from several Native American tribes and tribal housing authorities, urging the court to overturn a Colorado federal court ruling.

### **SC Rep. Floats Bill To Shield States, Tribes From CFPB**

Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C., introduced a bill on Monday that would prevent the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau from passing rules on so-called payday loans for two years and allow states and federally recognized tribes to opt out of any such regulations.

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

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### **Moody's Says FCC Internet Privacy Rules Could Hurt ISPs**

Moody's on Tuesday said that a recent Federal Communications Commission proposal to require broadband providers and Internet service providers to obtain affirmative consent from their customers before collecting their personal data would harm providers and limit their ability to compete with digital advertisers.

### **AT&T, Sprint Outline Objections To FCC's Lifeline Proposal**

AT&T Inc. and Sprint on Monday detailed their concerns with the Federal Communications Commission's plan to alter its Lifeline program for low-income Americans, arguing Monday the changes could introduce flaws that have not been fully considered.

### **Comcast Slams Net Neutrality Complaint Over Stream TV**

Comcast Corp.'s Stream TV is a cable service not subject to the regulations that the Federal Communications Commission instituted as part of its Open Internet Order or as a condition of the cable giant's merger with NBCUniversal Inc., the company said on Monday.

### **FCC Enforcement Team Taps New Deputy Chief**

The Federal Communications Commission said Monday that one of its senior officials will soon assume a new management role in the agency's Enforcement Bureau.

### **FCC Floats Controversial Set-Top Box Rules**

The Federal Communications Commission on Tuesday formally launched proposed rules to let consumers access their cable or satellite programming through the same interface they use for online streaming content, saying that the changes will empower consumers and promote innovation.

## **PEOPLE**

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### **Potential High Court Pick Bashed For Defending Kid Predator**

A conservative interest group has launched a television ad campaign blasting possible U.S. Supreme Court nominee and Eighth Circuit judge Jane Kelly over her previous record as a federal public defender, including her representation of a child predator, the most personal attack yet in the fight to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia.

## **EXPERT ANALYSIS**

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### **Court Nominee, Guns, And Constitutional Illiteracy**

Judiciary Committee Republicans recently vowed not to hold hearings this year on any nominee to succeed Justice Antonin Scalia. Senator Ted Cruz, running for the presidency, argued that "we're one justice away from the Second Amendment being written out." For lawyers to advocate a constitutional position without addressing the constitutional wording borders on malpractice, says Robert Ludwig, founding member of Ludwig & Robinson PLLC.

### **Changing Climate: What The Paris Accord Means For Brazil**



One of the challenges facing emissions reduction in countries like Brazil is the need to create opportunities for the development of forest conservation projects prior to 2020 through governmental and private investment. The need to increase renewables in the energy sector is also under the attention of public and private companies, say Renata Campetti Amaral and Patricia Vidal

Frederighi of Baker & McKenzie LLP.

### **Vt. GMO Law Deadline Looms For Food Cos. — And Congress**

Congressional leaders are under pressure to agree on a national genetically modified organism labeling standard that can pass the Senate floor, survive conferencing and House consideration and be signed into law prior to July 1, when Vermont's GMO law takes effect, say attorneys at Arnold & Porter LLP.

### **Addressing Open Carry Challenges For Texas Employers**

Although Texas' new open carry gun law provides limited protections in certain circumstances for employers, the state's open and concealed carry statutes present a number of gray areas that will likely only be answered through litigation. And given the potential for serious injury or death associated with these issues, the answers may eventually come at a high cost, say attorneys at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP.

### **What The New US-Cuba Aviation Agreement Means For The US**

Despite the recent agreement establishing commercial air travel between the U.S. and Cuba, most embargo restrictions still remain in place. Given the blurred line between strictly prohibited business activities and those permitted with prior

authorization, airlines need to carefully review the current state of play regarding sanctions before conducting business in Cuba, says Chad Purdie at Diaz Reus & Targ LLP.

## LEGAL INDUSTRY

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### **The 4 Biggest Questions Facing Managing Partners**

Overseeing a major law firm has always been a demanding task, but a rapidly changing legal market has caused a considerable amount of consternation as managing partners feel increasing pressure from clients and face uncertainty about how to keep top talent. Here, experts break down the four biggest questions facing managing partners.

### **Winston & Strawn Gives Above-Market Bonuses To Some Attys**

Winston & Strawn LLP has awarded its associates across the U.S. year-end bonuses equivalent to the sought-after New York market standard, but the Chicago-based law firm's bonuses for top performers were as much as \$30,000 above the standard, the firm said on Tuesday.

### **Kramer Levin Grew Its Revenue 3.6% In 2015**

Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP posted solid financial results in 2015, growing its gross revenue by 3.6 percent to \$332.5 million, a representative for the firm confirmed Tuesday.

### **Business Side Weighing In More On GC Legal Picks**

When it comes to companies' legal spending decisions, the more business-minded procurement professionals outside of a company's legal office are increasingly weighing in on general counsel's picks for outside counsel, according to survey results released on Tuesday by trade organization Buying Legal Council.

### **Law Firm-Client Relationships Turning More Transactional**

Law firms are increasingly facing clients that want to focus more on the transaction of money for services rather than on a long-term relationship, and must adapt quickly to meet the shift in expectations, experts said Tuesday at a legal buying conference in New York.

### **Blank Rome Wants To Send Ex-Atty Suit To Arbitration**

Blank Rome LLP asked a Pennsylvania state court Friday to compel arbitration in a lawsuit filed by an ex-partner accusing the firm of firing him and stealing his practice after he promoted gay rights in the legal community, saying the "disgruntled former partner" is bound by a mandatory arbitration provision.

### **Case Filings Subside Across Most Federal Courts**

The flow of case filings last year slowed across most branches of the federal judiciary, according to a report on Tuesday, with another double-digit drop in U.S. bankruptcy court petitions.

### **ABA Eyes Rule Changes To Boost Sinking Bar Passage Rates**

The American Bar Association said Monday it is in the process of making "significant changes" to requirements surrounding when and how many law school graduates pass the bar exam and how those rates are applied to a law school's ABA accreditation.

### **Magistrate, Lobbyist Named To Pa. Judicial Conduct Board**

Pennsylvania's Judicial Conduct Board announced Monday that a Cumberland County magisterial district judge and a Philadelphia-based lobbyist are the newest members of the 12-member disciplinary body tasked with investigating allegations of misconduct against the state's judges.

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**Subject:** Small Businesses Need Your Help

Dear Representative Smith,

I am writing on behalf of the We Are Main Street, a project of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), to ask you to consider strengthening protections for thousands of small business franchise owners in OH. After SEIU stood with franchisees for strengthened protections in California, we undertook a nationwide review of franchisee rights laws and found that **many states do not give needed safeguards** to these small business people.

See how your state protects franchise owners here: [www.wearemainst.com/map](http://www.wearemainst.com/map).

Franchised establishments are a key generator of economic growth nationally. They account for nearly 11 percent of businesses with employees, employ more than 9 million people and are adding jobs at twice the rate of other small enterprises. In OH, franchised businesses provide 382,000 jobs.

However, franchising can be a risky business and is characterized by a profound imbalance of power that favors the franchisor—often large, multinational companies—over small business franchise owners. The often one-sided, unfair franchising contracts create an uneven playing field for job creators in your state and nationally, meaning:

- A majority of franchisees experience termination or nonrenewal threats, according to a recent national survey of franchisees. Such threats are a powerful intimidation tactic given that franchise agreements typically give franchisors the power to terminate a franchise for any violation of operations, however minor, and to refuse to renew for any reason or no reason at all.
- Most have had their franchisors require changes that increase costs but do not **increase sales**, according to the same poll of franchisees.



- In the last five years reviewed, nearly **one in five Small Business Administration loans to franchisees failed**, according to a 2015 study.

In 2015, California enacted a law that provides some of the strongest franchisee protections in the country. The California bill has provisions essential to making franchising fairer:

- **Barring franchisors from terminating a franchisee** unless the franchisee has failed to substantially comply with the requirements of the franchise agreement.
- **Protecting franchisees' ability to pass their business on** to their heirs or sell it to qualified buyers.
- **Requiring franchisors to provide compensation** to franchisees who are terminated or not renewed.

These changes would benefit franchisees in every state. They would protect local small business people against franchisor abuse, giving franchisees the opportunity to grow profitable businesses, achieve financial security and pass some of their gains to their workers in the form of higher wages and benefits.

We would be happy to talk with you about why franchise reform is needed and provide additional information regarding legislative efforts. Please contact us at [reply@wearemainst.com](mailto:reply@wearemainst.com) or visit our franchisee news and resource website at [www.wearemainst.com](http://www.wearemainst.com).

Sincerely,

Joan Moriarty


Director, We Are Main Street



**We Are Main Street** is a campaign dedicated to making the franchise system fairer for the small-business people behind some America's most recognizable brands, as well as the men and women they employ.

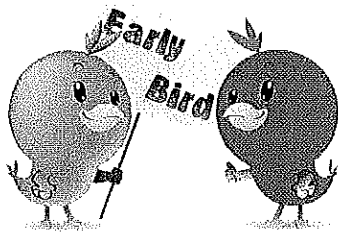
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## **Buckeye Institute News Alert**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Tuesday, May 24, 2016

### **Buckeye Institute celebrates legislative win for cosmetologists**

COLUMBUS -- Cosmetologists aspiring to become store managers will have a clearer career path in Ohio, should a newly approved piece of legislation be signed into law by Gov. Kasich. Ohio's free-market think tank, The Buckeye Institute, applauded the General Assembly's move.

Today, the Ohio Senate concurred with minor House changes to Senate Bill 213, sponsored by Sen. Kris Jordan (R-Ostrander), ending Ohio's requirement that cosmetologists get a special state license to be promoted to store manager. The bill, which will now go to Gov. Kasich's desk, cleared the House last week 96-0 after initially passing the Senate 32-0.

"More Ohio cosmetologists will now have the opportunity to advance professionally, earn higher incomes, and take on leadership roles in their careers," Rea S. Hederman Jr.,

Buckeye's executive vice president, said. "Excessive government licensing is a barrier to many Ohioans, particularly to low- and middle-income residents."

Under current Ohio law, cosmetologists must undergo an additional 300 hours of training to obtain a government-issued salon-manager license, on top of the 1,200 training hours they already spent receiving their cosmetology license. For years, the reform has stalled because of opposition from private cosmetology schools, which sell trainings for the licenses.

"More Ohioans now have the opportunity to move up in their careers, and in life, by removing this harmful government licensing barrier," Sen. Jordan said. "This would not have been possible without our broad coalition of supporters, including The Buckeye Institute, which raised this issue among state residents and provided valuable research to policymakers on Capitol Square."

Jordan's measure was cosponsored by Sen. Charleta Tavares (D-Columbus). A companion bill was introduced in the House by Representatives by Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) and Alicia Reece (D-Cincinnati) that facilitated Senate Bill 213's eventual passage.

"Getting rid of the salon manager's license is particularly gratifying, but there are many other licenses we should be examining," Rep. Roegner, a long-time advocate against over-licensure, said.

The Buckeye Institute brought increased scrutiny to Ohio's cosmetology requirements in Forbidden to Succeed: How Licensure Laws Hold Ohioans Back. The study, released in November 2015 at a statehouse event with lawmakers, details over-licensed and over-regulated modest-income professions. Hederman said The Buckeye Institute will bring a similar focus to other licensing requirements.

"If Ohio is to grow its economy and create opportunity for its residents, policymakers must take a close look at other government-mandated licensing requirements," Hederman said. "Cosmetologists and other licensed professionals want to move ahead. Ohio should let them."

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Founded in 1989, The Buckeye Institute is an independent research and educational institution - a think tank - whose mission is to advance free-market public policy in the states.

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**PREVENT DOMESTIC HOMICIDE! Make Non-Fatal Strangulation a Felony in Ohio.**

114,705 supporters · 0 constituents

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## **Extend Supports to Foster Youth Through Age 21**

8,006 supporters · 0 constituents 1 RESPONSE



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## **Help us pass Ohio Senate Bill 112 (Matthew's Bill)**

2,166 supporters · 0 constituents



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## **Prevent John Becker's Proposed Unisex Bathroom Ban**

1,024 supporters · 0 constituents



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## **More parking spots for TRUCK DRIVERS!**

481 supporters · 0 constituents



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## **Make Carp a Sport Fish/ Make bow fishing illegal.**

412 supporters · 0 constituents



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## **Reform the Grand Jury System Ohio**

16,239 supporters · 0 constituents





**Ohio: Mandatory For all Special Education Facilities to have Video Cameras**

244 supporters · 0 constituents



**To shut down stone wall limited gun. Shooting range**

30 supporters · 0 constituents



**Treat Ohio Service Dog Owners Equally**

3,352 supporters · 0 constituents



**Extend the Foster Care Age to 21**

14 supporters · 0 constituents



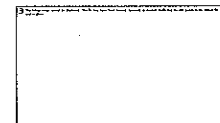
**Remove Front License Plates in Ohio**

10,151 supporters · 0 constituents



**Hand up! Don't Lock Up! Mandatory Rehabilitation For First-Time Drug-Use Offenders In OH**

30 supporters · 0 constituents



**Ohio's laws STILL protect animal abusers, A.R.C. threatens those trying to save them!**

595 supporters · 0 constituents



**Support HB 499 Ohio General Assembly 131 Ohio Parkinson's Disease Registry**

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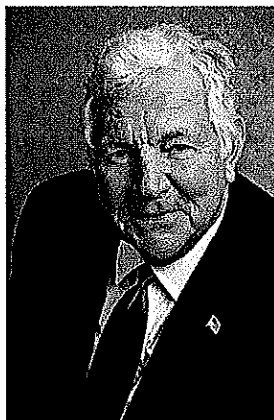
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## 2016 Annual Meeting Speaker Announcement!

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William J. Bennett

### Agenda News

**Wednesday, July 27  
6:45PM  
NCAA Hall of Champions  
and Conference Center**

#### **KEMP FORUM ON EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY**

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**Attachments:** PeterMcCloudResume.pdf

Dear Representative Smith,

My name is Peter McCloud and I am writing you to inquire if you have any Legislative Aide positions available with your office. I've recently graduated from Ohio State with a degree in Political Science and currently work part time at Americans for Prosperity doing conservative grassroots work. I am a lifelong Republican with internship experience with Senator Rob Portman and Rep. Pat Tiberi. I would very much like to join your staff and have attached my resume. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Peter McCloud

## PETER R. McCloud

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<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio</b> • Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, specialization in American Politics	May 10, 2015
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	<b>Server, Columbus, Ohio</b> The Winking Lizard Tavern, Columbus, Ohio • Server: responsible for Guests, tables, clean work environment with strong multi-tasking skills • Detailed knowledge of Craft Beer	September 2012 - Present
	<b>Campaign Intern, Columbus, Ohio</b> Senator Rob Portman • Grassroots Campaign Outreach: phone banking and canvassing to general public regarding 2016 Senate election • Coordinate and participate in events for the Senator including events at Ohio State University	May 2015 - December 2015
	<b>Legislative Intern, Washington, D.C.</b> Congressman Patrick J. Tiberi, 12 <sup>th</sup> District Ohio • Constituent Services • Capitol tour guide • Email, phone, file management	June 2011 - August 2011
	<b>Leadership Institute, Arlington, Virginia</b> Youth Leadership School • Two day "Political Bootcamp" • Campaign coordination • Earned media, public relations	July 2011
	<b>Soccer Referee, Columbus, Ohio</b> Mid Ohio Select Soccer League • U.S. Soccer Federation Certified, Grade 8	Spring 2003 - Spring 2012
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Thursday, May 26, 2016

### **House-approved property protections applauded by state think tank**

COLUMBUS -- Yesterday Ohio's House of Representatives passed reforms to civil asset forfeiture, which, under current law, allows government to take property from individuals who have not been charged with crimes. The Buckeye Institute, Ohio's free-market think tank, applauded the reforms.

House Bill 347 eliminates civil asset forfeiture in most cases involving property worth less than \$25,000, and strengthens what the government must prove for property to be forfeited. The measure, also supported by the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, passed the House 67-24.

"This policy is a significant step forward in protecting property rights," Daniel Dew, The Buckeye Institute's Criminal Justice Fellow, said. "At the same time this reform preserves the ability of the government to seize property from those actually convicted of crimes."



The Buckeye Institute testified before the Ohio House Judiciary Committee about cases in which property was wrongly seized by the government costing innocent citizens thousands of dollars.

"Government exists to protect private property of the innocent, not to confiscate it," Robert Alt, president and CEO of The Buckeye Institute, said. "More can and should be done to protect the property rights of innocent Ohioans. Buckeye will continue to champion additional reforms to protect these rights."

House Bill 347 will next go to the Senate, where it will likely be reviewed after the November election.

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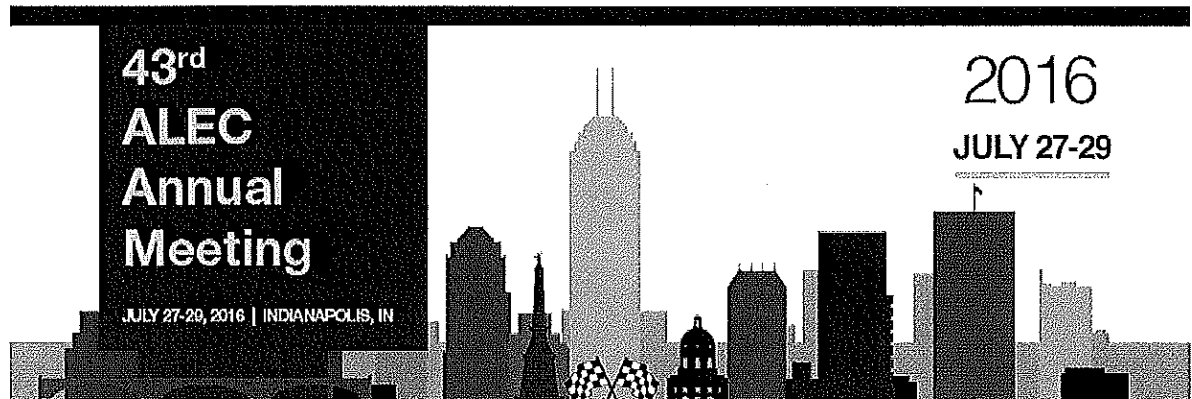
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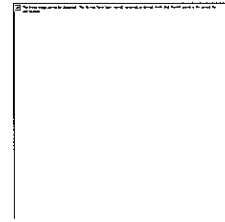
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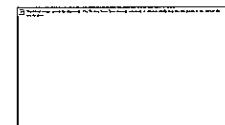
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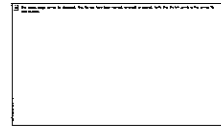
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### **The Buckeye Institute welcomes two new staff members who will focus on economic issues and communications**

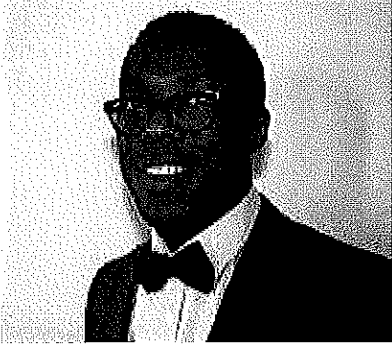
The Buckeye Institute is pleased to announce two new staff members have joined Ohio's premier free-market think tank.

Orphe Divounguy (OR-fee DEE-voon-GEE) has been named Economist in The Buckeye Institute's Economic Research Center, and Jeff Reed will serve as the organization's new Director of Communications.

Divounguy's research will analyze current economic issues, including public assistance programs and labor policies, and will allow Buckeye to complete "dynamic" scoring and analyses of budgets in Ohio and other states. Reed will lead the organization's state and national press relations and marketing.

"We are excited about the ideas and experience Jeff and Orphe bring to The Buckeye Institute and to Ohio," Robert Alt, president and CEO of The Buckeye Institute, said. "The expansion of our Economic Research Center will make Buckeye the go-to resource for economic analysis of legislation. And Mr. Reed's extensive background in marketing will assure that our ideas are seen around the state and across the country."





Orphe Divounguy

New York, NY, and Cato Institute in Washington, D.C.

Divounguy joins The Buckeye Institute after earning his Ph.D. from England's University of Southampton, where he also obtained his master's degree. After receiving his Ph.D., Divounguy served as a teaching and research fellow and international economic consultant. Divounguy's research focused on labor markets, migration patterns, and economic development.

Before his time in higher education, Divounguy interned at the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs in



Jeff Reed

Reed previously served as the Global Communications Leader for Corporate Responsibility at Cummins Inc., an Indiana-based Fortune 250 manufacturing company. At Cummins, Reed promoted the company's community engagement activities among its 60,000 global employees.

Prior to Cummins, Reed directed communications for the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, the national nonprofit started by Nobel laureate Milton Friedman. Reed also held public relations roles at the American Legislative Exchange Council in Washington, D.C., after graduating magna cum laude from Ohio University.

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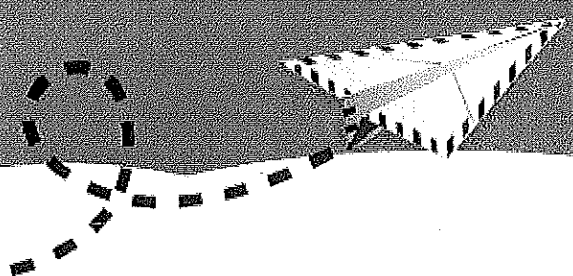
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**Mandel Announces Launch Of Tax-Advantaged Savings, Investment Accounts For People With Disabilities**

State Treasurer Josh Mandel on Wednesday announced the launch of a program enabling people living with certain disabilities to save and invest money without losing eligibility for certain public benefits programs.

Earnings from the State Treasury Achieving a Better Life Experience Accounts aren't subject to federal income tax and the money in the accounts would be exempt from state and federal means testing for programs such as Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance.

"As treasurer of Ohio I am proud to serve as administrator of STABLE Accounts," Treasurer Mandel said in a statement. "By assisting individuals and families with saving and investing, we are supporting persons with disabilities to maintain health, independence and quality of life."

Ohio is the first state to provide the accounts, which were made possible by federal legislation in 2014, according to the treasurer's office. Legislation (HB 155) signed by Gov. John Kasich last July directed the treasurer to implement the program, originally named ABLE.

The accounts are designed to help people with disabilities gain more economic opportunities without jeopardizing their eligibility for care under government programs.

"Today is a historical achievement as now ABLE accounts are a reality for all individuals with disabilities in America thanks to the hard work of so many dedicated advocates from across the US," said National Down Syndrome Society President Sara Hart Weir. "We couldn't be more proud to participate in the launch of the STABLE Accounts in Ohio."

Ohio's program is open to anyone across the country who meets eligibility requirements, though the fees are higher for people who live out-of-state. Ohio residents will pay \$2.50 per month to maintain the accounts, while residents of other states will pay \$5 per month. Ohio residents will pay an asset-based fee of between 0.19-0.34%, depending on investment options, while out-of-state residents will pay a fee between 0.45- 0.60%.

Participants can use the money from the account for qualified expenses, including education, health care, housing and transportation. Participants will be able to choose between five different investment strategies that range in risk levels, including a banking approach that offers no risk and is backed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

"Ohio, by providing these tax-advantaged savings accounts to children and adults with disabilities, has begun to pave the way for a transformative opportunity for one of our country's most disenfranchised populations," said Christopher Rodriguez, senior public policy adviser of the National Disability Institute. "The benefits of these STABLE Accounts will surely promote people with disabilities, and their families, to save for their futures and become a more significant part of the economic mainstream."

The accounts have a yearly contribution limit of \$14,000. Accounts can be set up for free on the program's website, and an initial contribution of \$50 is required.

The legislation that enabled the program passed the House and Senate unanimously last year. The bill's sponsors, Reps. Jonathan Dever (R-Cincinnati) and Margaret Condit (R-Liberty Twp.) said it would help lift people with disabilities out of poverty by allowing them to make and save more money without losing vital programs for their care. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 20, 2015)

### **Brown Touts Columbus Transportation Future As Federal Grant Is Announced For Bus Program**

Federal officials were in Columbus Wednesday to announce a \$37 million grant designed to improve public transit in a corridor of Columbus.

The grant, presented by Federal Transit Administration Acting Administrator Carolyn Flowers and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon), is designed to help fund a bus rapid transit system along the Cleveland Avenue corridor in Northeast Columbus.

Sen. Brown praised the system as a way of improving access to jobs and increasing opportunities for people who use the route. The system will cut down on the time people spend waiting for buses and riding buses, he said.

"One of the beauties of doing this right in such a progressive city like Columbus is it will make people's lives better and make their time more theirs," he said.

The bus rapid transit program, known as CMAX, will stretch from downtown to Westerville, with 32 bus stops, two new park-and-ride lots and 15 new compressed natural gas buses. It is expected to launch in January 2018.

COTA President and CEO W. Curtis Stitt praised Sen. Brown for his work to maintain the level of funding for public transit programs in the latest long-term transportation authorization bill.

"Without his steadfast support, funding for this would have been impossible," Mr. Stitt said.

After the event and ceremonial grant signing, Sen. Brown said he believed the new bus line would help Columbus win the U.S. Department of Transportation's Smart City Challenge.



The Ohio Legislature last week adopted a resolution (SCR 21) urging the DOT to choose Columbus. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 24, 2016)

Winning the Smart City Challenge, he said would be bigger than just winning \$40 million for transportation programs, he said. Columbus groups have offered an additional \$90 million in investment if Columbus, one of seven national finalists, lands the grant this summer.

"It makes us bigger as a city and as a state nationally," Sen. Brown said. "There will be all kinds of creative people in Central Ohio parlaying that into all kinds of things."

Sen. Brown also said he didn't think the CMAX program precludes Columbus from receiving funding for possible light rail programs later on.

"We're not saying no to light rail," he said. "I think that nothing's off the table."

### **Restraining Order Extended In Planned Parenthood Defund; Group Reaches Settlement Over Fetal Remains**

Planned Parenthood scored two legal victories in recent days, including Wednesday's extension of a temporary restraining order preventing the state from defunding the organization.

The TRO extension was issued by federal Judge Michael Barrett and will remain in effect until Aug. 5. Another hearing on the matter is scheduled for Aug. 2.

Planned Parenthood cheered the ruling in a statement issued Wednesday afternoon.

"Without the action by the court today, some of Ohio's most vulnerable citizens would be left without health care options. Especially for families in underserved areas, Planned Parenthood is the only place to turn," said Iris Harvey, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio.

"Our government should be supporting programs that serve to improve the health and safety of our communities, not using Ohioans as political pawns. We want the people of Ohio to know one thing: Our doors are staying open, no matter what."

Right to Life Ohio blasted the ruling as judicial activism.

"The decision to extend the restraining order casts a light on the might and influence of Big Abortion, even in a pro-life state. Despite the will of Ohio voters, an unelected judge just halted their democratically enacted, constitutional law by another two months," spokeswoman Katherine Franklin said in a statement. "The conscience rights of all Ohioans, including pro-life Ohioans, matter. By preventing the enactment of this legislation, the judge is sending the opposite signal to half of Ohio's voters."

The defunding of the group - which would cost Planned Parenthood \$1.1 million annually in state money - was approved by lawmakers through a bill (HB 294) signed into law by Gov. John Kasich earlier this year. The cutoff was set to go into effect on May 23.

However, Judge Barrett last week initially issued a temporary restraining order through June 6, ruling the organization was likely to succeed in its lawsuit on both First Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment grounds. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 23, 2016)

In a separate case, the organization has reached a settlement with the Department of Health that will require the state to pay \$45,447 in attorney fees. Federal Judge Edmund A. Sargus Jr. will maintain jurisdiction over the case to ensure the settlement agreement is enforced.

The settlement stems from an investigation by Attorney General Mike DeWine that allegedly found that Planned Parenthood affiliates violated Ohio Administrative Code by handing over fetal remains to companies that dispose of them in landfills - a claim the group denied. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 11, 2015)

The court, however, issued a 28-day temporary restraining order against any legal action stemming from the AG's investigation into the group's abortion policies. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 15, 2015)

Soon after, Mr. DeWine announced that he would not enforce the "humane disposal" section of the Administrative Code while the Department of Health and General Assembly sought to further clarify the law. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 18, 2015)

Mr. DeWine's investigation led to a flurry of legislative activity, including a measure (HB 417) that would require the woman seeking an abortion to choose either burial or cremation. Another bill (HB 419) would require the director of the Department of Health to adopt rules requiring abortion facilities to dispose of fetal remains by burial or cremation. Similar legislation (SB 254) was introduced in and recently cleared the Senate.

### **Senate, Committees Set To Return Late September**

The Senate and its committees are set to return to Columbus in late September, according to a schedule released by the chamber on Wednesday.

Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina) has set session and committee dates on September 27, 28 and 29, followed by meetings on October 4, 5 and 6.

The chamber could then return to action after the November election, with if-needed dates set for November 9 and 10.

Dates are also scheduled for November 15, 16, 22 (if needed), 29 and 30.

The chamber is set for session and committee dates on December 1, 6, 7 and 8, with if-needed sessions on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

The House last week released its schedule for the remainder of the year, with the calendar showing as many as eight session dates. None of the dates on the House schedule are before the election. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 27, 2016)

### **State Plans Quicker Notification For Harmful Algal Blooms**

State agencies have retooled their approach to public outreach efforts when it comes to harmful algal blooms in the state's recreational waterways.

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the departments of Health and Natural Resources, in a joint announcement, recently outlined a new strategy to increase awareness among citizens before they enter the water.

As part of the plan, the state will be quicker in issuing public health advisories by basing those alerts solely on the levels of harmful algal bloom toxins, such as microcystin, ODH Medical Director Mary DiOrio said.

Advisories were previously declared only following documented health issues thought to be caused by algal toxins.

"As we continue to better understand harmful algal blooms and the toxins they may produce, we have eliminated the previous requirement for a probable case of an algal bloom-related human illness or a pet death before issuing an elevated recreational public health advisory," Dr. DiOrio said.

In addition to faster public warnings, the state will rely on a website to provide a roundup of ongoing advisories and other pertinent data.

"We are encouraging people to 'know before you go' by checking our BeachGuard website," Dr. DiOrio said. "BeachGuard lists any recreational public health advisories and water quality data for some toxins and E. coli bacteria for Ohio state park lake beaches and boat ramps as well as participating non-state public and private beaches."

Another key component of the new awareness effort is a revamped signage system. A white sign will be posted at all state park beaches and boat ramps, describing the appearance of algal blooms and instructing visitors to be on the lookout.

If an algal bloom is confirmed or when toxin levels are equal to or exceed the designated threshold - six parts per billion for microcystin - orange "warning" signs will be added to the white signs. These signs will state swimming and wading are not recommended for children, pregnant or nursing women, those with certain medical conditions, and pets.

A red "danger" sign will be added if and when algal toxin levels are equal to or exceed a designated threshold - 20 parts per billion for microcystin. That sign will confirm unsafe toxin levels have been detected and instruct visitors to avoid contact with the water.

The agencies are encouraging non-state public and private waters to also adopt the new strategy.

The announcement follows OEPA's recent unveiling of draft phosphorus reduction targets in Lake Erie, which could help reduce such blooms. The plan is part of a multi-state, binational agreement to lower phosphorus levels by 40% by 2025. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 26, 2016)

But Ohio Environmental Council Clean Water Director Adam Rissien has since said the plan doesn't go far enough in curbing runoff pollution from agriculture companies which can feed algae growth.

"Certainly the plan demonstrates a strong commitment to reduce toxic algae, but in order to ensure its success, further action is necessary," Mr. Rissien said. "Real progress requires policies for widespread adoption of conservation practices and proper applications of fertilizer and manure."

OEPA Director Craig Butler and the Army Corps of Engineers, meanwhile, have sparred in recent months over the potential existence of a "toxic blob" in Lake Erie. Although the OEPA says water sampling "clearly shows" the blob's existence, the Corps insists "no credible scientific evidence supports" that idea. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 6, 2016)

### **ODP Questions Trump's Support For Veterans Following Billionaire's Contentious Press Conference**

The Ohio Democratic Party's chairman labeled Donald Trump a "fraud" who is "using veterans as a prop" a day after the billionaire sought to satiate questions of whether he had fulfilled promised donations to veterans groups.

Chairman David Pepper and retired Army Capt. Paul Worley, chair of the ODP veterans' caucus, added their voices to those criticizing the GOP presumptive nominee following Mr. Trump's press conference Tuesday in Trump Tower.

During that press conference, Mr. Trump outlined how he had donated the \$5.6 million raised by a January fundraiser he organized to compete with a Fox News presidential debate.

After the fundraiser, Mr. Trump repeatedly told media and supporters he had raised more than \$6 million from the event. But media reports - including a May 24 report from the *Washington Post* - continued to show that about half that money had not been donated.

Mr. Trump responded this week, outlining how much money had been sent to which groups. Several of those checks - including a \$1 million donation from Mr. Trump that he claimed to have made previously - were written last week, the same day the billionaire was interviewed by the *Post* on the fundraising discrepancy, according to the Associated Press.

"I think over the course of (yesterday) and today we've learned the truth: that Donald Trump is a fraud whose only concern is what's in it for him," Mr. Pepper said in a media call hosted by the Democratic National Committee.

"In this case it's clear that veterans were nothing more than a prop for Donald Trump when he needed them...and he only actually paid up what he said he'd already paid when called on it later," Mr. Pepper continued. "All this shows Donald Trump is not fit to be president."

Mr. Trump attributed the delay in issuing the checks to the process of vetting the various charities. He did not explain the discrepancy between the \$5.6 million figure and his previous claims to have raised more than \$6 million. He said veterans were greatly pleased by his contribution and support.

"I have raised a tremendous amount of money for the vets," Mr. Trump said. "I have been thanked by so many veterans groups throughout the United States."

He made additional headlines Tuesday for the combative nature of his press conference, during which he blasted the media - calling one reporter "a sleaze" - and said he would continue that contentious relationship with the media if elected president.

Mr. Worley, an Adams County commissioner who served three tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, questioned Mr. Trump's leadership following the candidate's early criticism of Sen. John McCain for being captured as a prisoner of war and for his conflicting statements on the permissibility of torture.

"Trump is a classic example of someone who will promise things - say he's doing things for veterans - but will turn around and not follow through on his promises," Mr. Worley said. "He is not a leader that cares about people. He only cares about himself."

During Mr. Trump's press conference, 22-year retired Marine and New Hampshire State Rep. Al Baldasaro shot back against claims Mr. Trump doesn't support veterans.

"I would never in a million years put my name on a candidate who did not from his heart look me in the eye and tell me he is concerned about veterans," Mr. Baldasaro said, urging the media to "get your heads out of your butts and focus on the real issues."

**Politics Notebook: ACLU Concerned With RNC Media Restrictions; Brown Talks Pensions; Portman Airs First TV Ads...**

On Wednesday, the ACLU of Ohio voiced concerns that potential flight restrictions and new credentialing procedures will hinder media access to the Republican National Convention.

In a letter to media outlets, ACLU Legal Director Freda Levenson said, "Increased control by the government over media access at the RNC presents serious First Amendment concerns."

Journalists planning to cover the July event in Cleveland must currently be screened and credentialed by the Secret Service. And expanded use of flight restrictions could be implemented by the Federal Aviation Administration to create no-fly zones around the event.

"The new credentialing process may reduce the ability of reporters to get access to events as they unfold," Ms. Levenson wrote. "Restrictions put in place by the FAA could completely block the ability of news agencies to obtain aerial footage of the convention, protests, and the actions of law enforcement."

A day prior, Cleveland leaders announced new security plans for the event, which is expected to draw 50,000 people. Officials didn't provide specifics - saying that doing so could compromise security - but outlined the training and organizational efforts being undertaken in advance of the event.

The same day, the RNC Host Committee announced a joint beautification effort to establish "a brighter, more welcoming experience along the main pedestrian and vehicular thoroughfares in downtown Cleveland."

**Pensions:** U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon), while in Columbus with federal transportation officials to present a \$37 million grant to the Central Ohio Transit Authority (*see separate story*), criticized Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky) for blocking a bill Sen. Brown sponsored to shore up pension plans for miners.

Sen. Brown has been pushing for the Senate to consider the Miners Protection Act he sponsored alongside Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) before breaking for the summer. The bill is an effort to address the shortfall in the United Mine Workers of America's 1974 pension plan, which was 94% funded before 2008 and is now severely underfunded due to the financial crisis and fewer active workers, according to Sen. Brown's office.

"One senator, the Republican leader in the Senate, has blocked the Senate from doing its job to protect these miners," Sen. Brown said.

Sen. Brown stressed the "urgent need" to address the pension shortfall in a letter to Sen. McConnell last week.

The senator also said he hoped lawmakers could work together to fix similar pension concerns faced by Teamsters.

**Cincinnati Zoo:** Rep. Denise Driehaus (D-Cincinnati) urged citizens to wait for investigations to conclude before jumping to conclusions about the recent killing of a gorilla after a 3-year-old boy entered the animal's exhibit.

A 17-year-old silverback, named Harambe, was shot and killed May 28 after the boy crawled into the exhibit and fell 15 feet into a moat separating the animals from visitors. Protestors said the gorilla appeared to be protecting the boy, although video, which does not show the entire ordeal, shows the 450-pound animals dragging the boy by the leg through the moat several times.

Protestors argue workers should have tranquilized the animal. But zoo officials contend doing so could have enraged the gorilla and that tranquilizers would take up to 10 minutes to go into effect.

In the wake of the incident, Sen. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati) told the *Cincinnati Enquirer* he's looking into whether a law should be drafted to levy fines or criminal charges on one who causes the death, by their negligence, of an endangered animal.

In a statement Wednesday, Rep. Driehaus said she'd spoken "at length" with Cincinnati Zoo Director Thane Maynard and urged caution from those judging actions of zoo officials and the family involved.

"I trust the zoo officials and am confident they exercised their best professional judgment given the harrowing circumstances," Rep. Driehaus said. "Though losing Harambe is truly tragic, our community can take comfort in the fact that the zoo prevented the serious injury or death of a three-year-old child. I am thankful the zoo protected this young boy's life."

Later in the day, the *Enquirer* reported that an investigation had concluded and no charges would be filed.

**U.S. Senate Race:** U.S. Sen. Rob Portman's (R-Terrace Park) reelection campaign launched his first television ads this week.

The three ads are intended to showcase Sen. Portman's efforts to combat the prescription drug and heroin epidemic. They're part of a \$15 million ad buy stretching until November that was announced last month. (See *Gongwer Ohio Report*, May 12, 2016)

"Working together with Democrats and Republicans, I passed legislation to help break the grip of addiction," Sen. Portman said in one of the ads. "By investing in prevention, treatment, and recovery, empowering law enforcement, and stopping the over prescribing of painkillers, we can turn the tide."

NARAL Pro-Choice America, meanwhile, announced its own ad campaign targeting Sen. Portman. The campaign is aimed at pressuring Sen. Portman and other Republicans to fulfill the ongoing Supreme Court vacancy.

"NARAL is stepping up to ensure Sen. Portman does the job the people of Ohio elected him to do," NARAL Senior Vice President Sasha Bruce said.

Sen. Portman, who like many of his colleagues believes the next president should fill the post, previously said his stance is "the right thing for the country." (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 9, 2016)

Former Democratic Gov. Ted Strickland, who's running in an effort to unseat Sen. Portman, landed the endorsement of the American Federation of Teachers, the group announced Wednesday.

"The future of our state depends on whether we are committed to our children," Ohio Federation of Teachers President Melissa Cropper said. "Ohio students and parents need the kind of arduous support Governor Strickland provides in making education his highest priority."

### **Capitol Scene: Kasich Names Kalmbach Press Secretary; Buckeye Institute Adds Research, Communications Staff**

Gov. John Kasich on Wednesday named Emmalee Kalmbach as his press secretary.

Currently the communications director for Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor, the Bob Jones University graduate recently served as a member of the communications team for the governor's presidential campaign.

The native of Littleton, N.H. is also the former communications director for the Massachusetts Republican Party.

Ms. Kalmbach replaces Joe Andrews, who has been serving as the governor's interim press secretary since Rob Nichols departed last summer to work on the campaign. Mr. Andrews will return to his position as communications director for the Department of Public Safety.

In another development impacting the governor's staff, Jon Keeling, a former political blogger and deputy communications director for Mr. Kasich, has been named spokesman for the Department of Job and Family Services.

**Buckeye Institute:** The Columbus-based free market think tank on Wednesday announced two new staff members with the aim of focusing on budget and labor issues.

Orphe Divounguy was named economist in the Institute's Economic Research Center, and Jeff Reed will serve as the group's communications director.

Mr. Divounguy's research will focus on current economic issues, including public assistance programs and labor policies, and will entail "dynamic" scoring and analysis of



budgets in Ohio and other states, according to the group. Mr. Reed will lead the organization's state and national press relations and marketing.

"We are excited about the ideas and experience Jeff and Orphe bring to The Buckeye Institute and to Ohio," President and CEO Robert Alt said in a statement.

"The expansion of our Economic Research Center will make Buckeye the go-to resource for economic analysis of legislation. And Mr. Reed's extensive background in marketing will assure that our ideas are seen around the state and across the country."

Mr. Divounguy holds degrees from England's University of Southampton, and after receiving his Ph.D., he served as a teaching and research fellow and international economic consultant.

Mr. Reed previously served as the global communications leader for Corporate Responsibility at Indiana-based Cummins Inc. The Ohio University graduate previously held posts with the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice and the American Legislative Exchange Council in Washington, D.C.

### **Governor's Appointments**

**Community Schools Dropout Recovery Study Committee:** Alex Johnson of Solon for a term beginning May 31, 2016 and continuing at the pleasure of the governor.

**Cleveland State University Board of Trustees:** Todd C. Davidson of Cleveland for a term beginning May 31, 2016 and ending May 1, 2025.

**Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas:** Thomas D. Heekin Jr. of Cincinnati will assume office on June 6, 2016 and must run in the November 2016 general election to retain the seat for the full term commencing January 4, 2017. Mr. Heekin holds degrees from the University of Colorado and University of Cincinnati. He has been a criminal litigator for Heekin & Heekin since 2002.

**State Employment Relations Board:** J. Richard Lumpe of Columbus for a term beginning June 1, 2016 and ending October 6, 2021.

### **Supplemental Agency Calendar**

#### **Thursday, June 2**

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Elections Commission, Rm. East B., 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

#### **Monday, June 6**

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STEM Designation Committee, 25 S. Front St., Columbus, 1 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, June 8**

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Consumers' Counsel Governing Board, Suite 1800, 10 W. Broad St., Columbus, 9 a.m.

**Thursday, June 16**

Expositions Commission, Voinovich Center, 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, 11 a.m.

**Supplemental Event Planner**

**Thursday, June 30**


20th Annual Rockin' Fiscal Eve, Miller's Ale House, 1201 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, 5 p.m.,  
(All-invited celebration  
of the end of MBRs in FY 2016 with MBRs (Massive Beer Rounds). Parking adjacent to building.)

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## Senate Activity for Wednesday, June 1, 2016

### INTRODUCED

**SB 337**  **ROAD NAMING (Hughes, J.)** To designate a portion of Interstate Route 270 in Franklin County as the "Hilliard Patrol Officer Sean Johnson Memorial Highway." Am. 5534.44

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## **Daily Activity Planner for Thursday, June 2**

### **Legislative Committees**

No legislative committees scheduled.

### **Agency Calendar**

Construction Industry Licensing Board, 6606 Tussing Road, OCILB Conference Room, Reynoldsburg, 10 a.m. (HVAC Section)

Elections Commission, Rm. East B., 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

State Employment Relations Board, 65 E. State St., 12th Fl., Columbus, 10 a.m.

### **Event Planner**

Ohio Department of Taxation public hearing on proposed current agricultural use values, 22rd Floor, 30 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 10 a.m.

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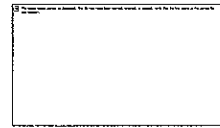
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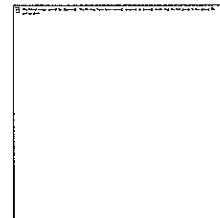
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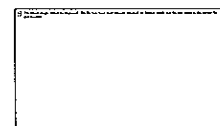
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## New Policy Report

### **The Buckeye Institute prescribes policy pills for health care ills**

Did you know states can grow and improve their health care markets in 2017, regardless of who wins the presidency? A report released today by The Buckeye Institute shows how.

In *Health Care Challenges That States Should Prepare to Face in 2017*, Rea S. Hederman Jr. of The Buckeye Institute and Brian Blase with the Mercatus Center offer ways states can respond to Republican repeals or Democratic tweaks of the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare.

At a minimum, the authors encourage Ohio and other states to:

- Reform their "certificate of need" regulations that prevent health care suppliers from growing or building new facilities.
- Expand "charity care" so that health professionals can provide free services to low-income residents in different parts of their state.
- Promote "telemedicine" for doctors to diagnose minor illnesses and prescribe medicine online to more rural residents.

There are other remedies states could -- and should -- consider to bring local control, lower costs, and higher quality to their health care markets. [Click here to download the PDF report](#) and get The Buckeye Institute's full policy prescription.

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### Speaker Announcement

Alfredo Ortiz is the President and CEO of Job Creators Network (JCN) and has been with the organization since January 2014. He also serves as a board member for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and an advisory board member for Littler's Workplace Policy Institute.



He has testified before Congress on the impact of bad government policies on job creation, and speaks frequently to business organizations across the nation about the need for job creators to seize responsibility for defending free enterprise, both in the communities where they live and the communities they've created - their workplaces. His advocacy for the voice of job creators has appeared in newspapers across the country.

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## **Added: A Majority that Matters Reception**

The Club for Growth is a national network of more than 100,000 Americans who share in the belief that prosperity and opportunity come from economic freedom. It wins tough battles by putting principled economic policy first. The Club's PAC endorses and raises money for candidates who stay true to the fundamental principles of limited government and economic freedom. Please stop by and meet our team of experts at the reception or in the hospitality suite on Thursday or Friday.



More event information can be found [here](#).

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Wednesday, July 27, 2016

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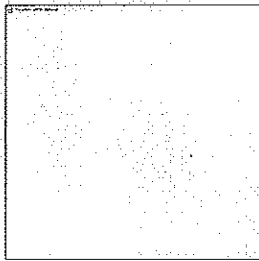
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## **Exclusive Invitation**

### **We are suing the Obama Administration over the unconstitutional Clean Power Plan**

West Virginia Solicitor General arguing the case to speak at an  
exclusive luncheon, June 29, in Columbus

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was given unprecedented authority by President Obama to regulate carbon emissions across the country. Because the EPA's actions circumvent state authority and are unconstitutional, The Buckeye Institute, a coalition of other groups, and 26 states are suing the Obama Administration.

To explain the lawsuit against the president's Clean Power Plan, The Buckeye Institute and Columbus Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society are hosting the Solicitor General of West Virginia, Elbert Lin -- the lead oral advocate for the plaintiffs -- at an exclusive luncheon, June 29, in Columbus. The event will be moderated by The Buckeye Institute's president and CEO, Robert Alt.

**Will you join us for this important discussion?** [Click here](#), or the button below, for details on the event and on how to register.

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Help us fight this federal power grab and ensure Ohio is protected from the EPA's attempt to raise energy prices and kill manufacturing jobs in our state.

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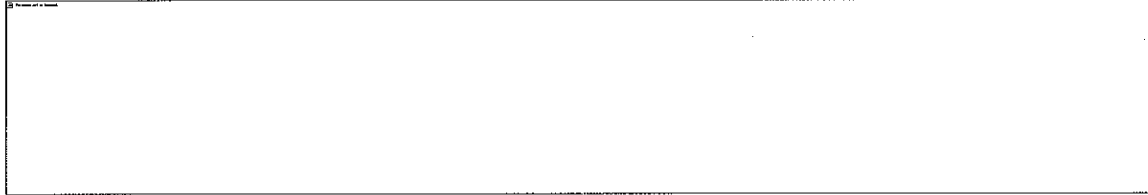
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### States Debate Internet Taxes

States are currently debating whether internet purchases should be subject to a sales tax. In South Dakota, a court case is making headlines that could allow the state to collect sales taxes from online purchases. Brick-and-mortar retailers claim it's unfair internet companies aren't required to collect sales tax for not having a physical presence in the customer's state. Opponents of the tax argue the burden on businesses and consumers associated with the internet sales taxes make it a poor policy decision.

In a 2015 *Daily Signal* article, Philip Wegmann, a congressional correspondent for the Heritage Foundation, discusses the origins of the internet sales tax debate. "In the 1992 case *Quill v. North Dakota*, the Supreme Court ruled that a state could not require online companies to collect sales tax. Instead, taxation is tied to geography, the court ruled: A business incurs the burden of collecting sales tax only if it has an actual physical presence in that state." This important principle is commonly called the "nexus." D

Some states currently have laws that require online retailers to collect sales taxes if they have a store, warehouse, or subsidiary in-state or if they contract with a local business to advertise their products. Some states have no sales tax at all. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, an independent agency of the federal government created to aid, counsel, assist, and protect the interests of small business concerns, "Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Montana, New Hampshire and Oregon do not have a sales tax. In addition, most states have tax exemptions on certain items, such as food or clothing."

John Nothdurft, The Heartland Institute's government relations director, argues in a *Policy Tip Sheet*, "Allowing states to collect taxes on transactions occurring outside their borders is fundamentally unfair and threatens basic economic liberties. The persons paying and collecting the taxes do not have an opportunity to vote or otherwise participate in the government process that creates the tax or sets its rate. This 'taxation without representation' is compounded by the fact that those paying the taxes receive no public goods or services in return for their payment - 'taxation without benefits.'"

In a recent *Research & Commentary*, Heartland Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans argues states should adopt an "origin-based tax system" instead of creating a sales tax. "Instead of forcing out-of-state businesses to serve as government tax collectors, state legislators should



implement a sales tax system based on where the product was sold, known as an origin-based tax system," wrote Glans. "This would truly level the playing field, with both online and brick-and-mortar retailers paying the same tax."



### **Register Today for Heartland's Emerging Issues Forums!**

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### **Budget & Tax**

#### **Research & Commentary: Work Requirements Are a Necessary Component of Any SNAP Reform Plan**

Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans and State Government Relations Manager Logan Elizabeth Pike examine in this *Research & Commentary* new efforts by Congress to add work requirements to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), commonly referred to as "food stamps." Glans and Pike say one of the biggest problems with SNAP and the reason it grew so quickly during the recent recession is the lack of any requirement that recipients actively seek employment: "States should have an immediate requirement for recipients to engage in work-related activities to be eligible for TANF and food stamps. States should also reform assistance programs that trap low-income Americans in poverty by disincentivizing work." [Read more](#)

### **Education**

#### **Research & Commentary: North Carolina School Vouchers Expansion**

A bill that would substantially increase the size of North Carolina's school voucher program was filed in the North Carolina Senate on May 10. The proposal would fund an additional 2,000 grants annually in the state's Opportunity Scholarships voucher program, starting during the 2017-18 school year. This would continue until the 2027-28 school year. The expansion would cost an additional \$10 million annually,



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topping out at \$135 million in 2027-28. During the 2015-16 school year, North Carolina spent \$12 million on the program, which enrolled more than 2,500 children.

Under the program, each student receives a maximum voucher amount of \$4,200, which can be used for "tuition, transportation, equipment, or any other items required by qualifying private schools." Students are eligible for the Opportunity Scholarships only if their family income is 133 percent or lower of the federal free- and reduced-price lunch program. Students must also have attended a public school during the previous semester to be eligible. In this *Research & Commentary*, Policy Analyst Tim Benson says polling shows North Carolina voters view educational choice favorably, and he argues vouchers give all families a greater opportunity to meet each child's unique education needs. [Read more](#)

### Energy & Environment

#### Heartland Releases New Book 'Merchants of Despair'

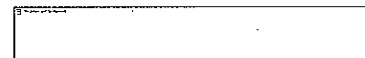
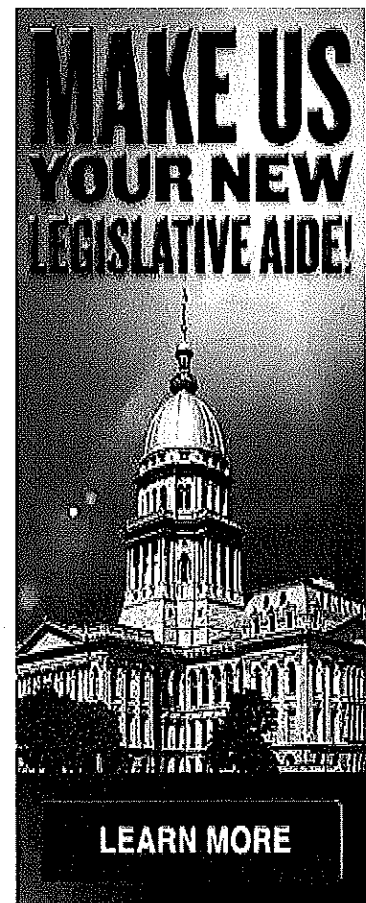
There was a time when humanity looked in the mirror and saw something precious and worth protecting and fighting for - indeed, worth liberating. But now, we are beset on all sides by propaganda promoting a radically different viewpoint. According to this idea, human beings are a cancer upon the Earth, a species whose aspirations and appetites are endangering the natural order. This is the core of antihumanism.

Robert Zubrin - the president of Pioneer Astronautics, a fellow of the Center for Security Policy, founder of the Mars Society, and a contributing editor to *The New Atlantis* - recently released his new book *Merchants of Despair*. The book names the chief prophets and promoters of antihumanism over the past two centuries, from Thomas Malthus through Paul Ehrlich and Al Gore. It exposes the worst crimes perpetrated by the antihumanist movement, including eugenics campaigns in the United States and genocidal anti-development and population-control programs around the world. [Read more](#)

### Health Care

#### Research & Commentary: Missouri Should Move Away from Maintenance of Certification

Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans writes in this *Research & Commentary* about the growing problems created by overzealous and expensive maintenance of certification (MOC) programs and the reasons they should be banned in Missouri. Glans argues MOC's new requirements are excessive, costly, time-consuming, and unnecessary: "While a certain degree of certification will always be necessary, physicians should not be



The May issue of *Health Care News* reports on the Tennessee Senate's unanimous approval of a resolution requesting Gov. Bill Haslam to apply for a federal waiver authorizing a pilot program for individuals who want to opt out of TennCare, the state's

required to pass through a quagmire of costly and expensive tests that may be unnecessary. Oklahoma provides a model other states can follow to end MOCs completely; Missouri legislators should follow Oklahoma's lead and end this unnecessary burden on practicing physicians." [Read more](#)

#### **From Our Free-Market Friends**

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Medicaid program. Lindsey Boyd, director of policy at the Beacon Center of Tennessee, said "we are supportive of efforts like Sen. [Mark] Green's that provide greater flexibility at the state level to address ... issues within the TennCare program."

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## New Speaker Announcement!



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Luke Hilgemann is the Chief Executive Officer of Americans for Prosperity and Americans for Prosperity Foundation. He was previously AFP's COO and before that served as the Wisconsin State Director. A native of Wisconsin, Luke has spent his life and career fighting for lower taxes, limited government, personal freedom, fiscal restraint, and sound economic principles. Prior to his work at AFP, Luke worked in the Wisconsin state legislature, most recently as chief of staff for the majority leader in the State Assembly. Luke is a veteran of Wisconsin politics, having worked on several successful campaigns across the state.

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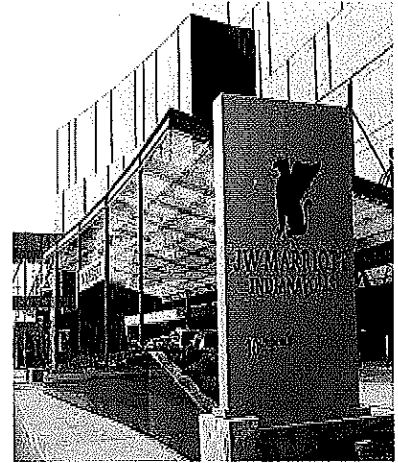
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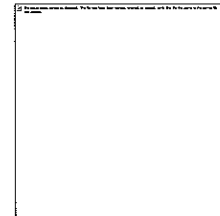
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**To:** Rep93.  
**Subject:** Kids' Congress- Now Live!



## **Kids' Congress Schedule Posted!**

Bring your family along for the 43rd ALEC Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, IN this July. We have programs and events the whole family will enjoy!

Once again, ALEC has partnered with ACCENT on Children's Arrangements, Inc. to provide exciting and fun children's programs at this year's Annual Meeting. Children and teens that participate in the program will be entertained and cared for all day with activities tailored to meet their needs and interests.

### **Kids' Congress activities and events will include:**

- **An Indianapolis Indians baseball game**
- **Day-trips to the Indianapolis zoo and aquarium**
- **A game-night at Dave & Buster's**

- **A visit to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway**

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**From:** Greg Lawson  
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**To:** Rep93  
**Subject:** Fwd: You are invited! School Choice in America summit: Alexandria, VA  
Aug 28-30

Dear Representative Smith:

I wanted to be certain you received the following invitation from the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice.

They are an excellent organization that we have worked with before and offers excellent research on a wide range of school choice issues, including cutting edge updates on what states across the nation are doing. As a leader in the General Assembly on education, I thought you might be particularly interested in these issues.

I should point out, to the extent permissible by Ohio law, the Friedman Foundation will reimburse conference attendees for reasonable food, lodging and transportation expenses.

Please let me know if you reach out to them and decide to attend the conference.

Greg R. Lawson  
*Senior Policy Analyst*

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**Subject:** Fwd: You are invited! School Choice in America summit: Alexandria, VA  
Aug 28-30  
**To:** Greg Lawson <[greg@buckeyeinstitute.org](mailto:greg@buckeyeinstitute.org)>

Dear Friend:

You are invited to participate in the **School Choice in America** legislator summit offered by the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, America's most trusted educational resource for school choice. I hope you will join us!

This two-day event will bring together up to 35 legislators from the mid-section of the country who are interested in learning more about what school choice means to their constituents, their states, and our country. Experts in fiscal analysis, education funding formulas, academic effects, accountability, constitutional law, polling, and related topics will bring up-to-date information and answer your questions. **The summit will be held August 28-30, 2016, at The Hilton Old Town in Alexandria, Virginia.**

To attend, **please return the enclosed registration form by July 1** to the Friedman Foundation office via fax at **(317) 681-0945** or email to Keri Hunter at **keri@edchoice.org**.

Spaces for the summit are limited and reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. I would ask that you plan your travel so you can attend the entire summit (agenda coming soon). We will begin Sunday with dinner and end by 2pm. Tuesday.

If you have any questions regarding this invitation, contact Keri Hunter at **keri@edchoice.org** or **(317) 681-0745**. I sincerely appreciate you considering this invitation and I hope to see you in Alexandria!

Cordially,

Leslie Davis Hiner, Esq.  
Vice President, Programs & State Relations  
Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice

*The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice is a non-profit, non-partisan, 501(c)3 charitable organization. The purpose of this conference is to improve the knowledge and effectiveness of elected officials and to provide research, technical assistance and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on the most pressing education policy issues. The intent of this conference is not to promote, advocate or oppose the passage, modification, defeat, or executive approval or*

*veto of any contemplated or pending legislation or resolution for compensation. Nothing presented at this conference shall be construed as lobbying activity. The goal is to provide in-depth information on school choice that will be relevant to your community, and to provide a forum for legislators from several states to share their knowledge and experience with one another.*

**\*To the extent permissible by Ohio law, the Friedman Foundation will reimburse conference participants for reasonable food, lodging, and transportation expenses incurred in connection with this conference in an amount not to exceed \$750 upon presentation of a written request accompanied by receipts within 30 days after the conclusion of the conference. The foregoing does not constitute an offer of reimbursement and is void in jurisdictions where prohibited. Conference participants are responsible for complying with all governing state laws and reporting requirements and should consult with their counsel if they have questions.**

**From:** The Buckeye Institute  
**Sent:** Friday, June 17, 2016 9:54 AM  
**To:** Rep93  
**Subject:** Ohio a national leader on jobs?

## **Buckeye Institute News Alert**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Friday, June 17, 2016

### **Latest jobs report shows Ohio is a national leader, according to The Buckeye Institute**

COLUMBUS -- Increases in Ohio's employment and labor force participation rates last month make the state a national leader, according to a policy analyst at The Buckeye Institute. The state's latest jobs report showed Ohio's unemployment rate fell for the first time in nine months.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' May employment report, released Friday morning, shows the state's unemployment rate dropped to 5.1 percent in May from 5.2 percent in April. Labor force participation increased slightly in May to 63.6 percent from April's 63.5 percent. Buckeye's Joe Nichols said both combined make Ohio a national leader.

"Ohioans want to work, as evidenced by the continued increase in the state's labor force participation, which is outpacing the national average," Nichols said. "The fact unemployment finally dropped after nine months of stagnation means workers are starting to find jobs."



Over the last year, the United States labor force participation has remained virtually flat at 62.8 percent. By comparison, Ohio's labor force has grown nearly 1 percent over the last year to the current rate of 63.6 percent. Nichols says the state should continue to pursue policies to meet that rising demand.

"We should look at any policies or regulations that are barriers preventing Ohioans from finding meaningful work," Nichols said. "Gov. Kasich's recent signing of a measure that will allow cosmetologists to move up in their careers is representative of the types of reforms Ohio workers need."

The May report shows educational and health services added the most jobs last month (+7,900). The biggest losses came from manufacturers of durable goods (-5,200). Local government also continued to shrink, with 4,700 job losses.

The Buckeye Institute analyzes Ohio's unemployment rate to identify policy solutions for increasing job opportunities and strengthening the state economy.

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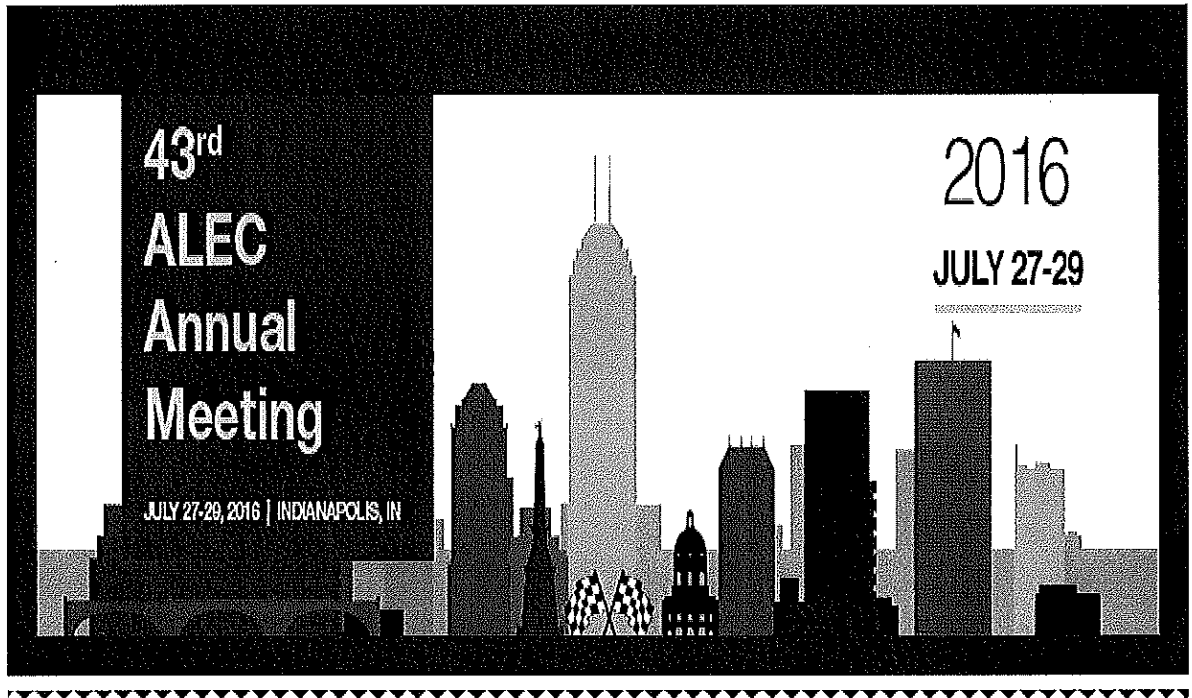
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**Subject:** Reminder: Register Today



## **Register Today!**

Take part in the largest ALEC meeting of the year! Join your friends and colleagues in downtown Indianapolis at the 43rd ALEC Annual Meeting. The conference will feature policy discussions and workshops on a number of up-and-coming topics and host speakers, such as Governor Mike Pence and Former Governor Rick Perry.

For more information on all the exciting events taking place at Annual Meeting, please see our [agenda](#).

**>> REGISTER NOW**

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## **Book Your Room!**

The 2016 ALEC Annual Meeting will be hosted at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis. This hotel, often called the crown jewel of Marriott Place Indianapolis, is a landmark of the downtown landscape. The JW Marriott is in the heart of world-class shopping and dining, near the State Capitol, Lucas Oil Stadium and Bankers Life Fieldhouse and is just steps from White River State Park, the Indianapolis Zoo, and many museums.



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**Subject:** Emerging Issues Forum in Chicago!

# Emerging Issues Forum 2016

## Emerging Issues Forum in Chicago! August 7-8, 2016

*A limited number of travel scholarships are available!*

You are invited to join The Heartland Institute in Chicago at the first of two 2016 Emerging Issues Forums (EIF) on Sunday, August 7, 2016, through Monday, August 8. The Emerging Issues Forum brings together elected officials, policy analysts, and government affairs professionals from across the country. You will hear from leading free-market experts as they explore innovative solutions to the top public policy issues that face the states in 2016 and beyond.

Limited number of scholarships to cover expenses for travel and accommodations, up to \$350, are available for members of Heartland's Legislative Forum. We offer a two-year membership for \$99 and a lifetime membership for \$179, so membership easily pays for itself! Not a member yet? Join today!

Prominent free-market policy experts featured at the event will address and explore solutions to top policy issues as we move to 2017. Policy areas will include education, energy and environment, health care, and taxes and the economy.

Some of the great local and national speakers for the event include Cato Institute Senior Fellow Michael Tanner, Optenative Chief Executive Officer Aaron Dallek, Oklahoma state Rep. Mike Ritze (R-Tulsa County), Tax Foundation Vice President of Legal and State Projects Joe Henchman, National Taxpayers Union Executive Vice President Brandon Arnold, Tennessee state Sen. Mark Green (R-Stewart County), Goldwater Institute Education Director Jonathan Butcher, Heritage Foundation Will Skillman, Fellow in Education Lindsey Burke, Illinois State Rep. John Anthony (R- Grundy County), Texas Public Policy Foundation Director of the Armstrong Center for Energy and the Environment Kathleen Hartnett-White, Heartland Institute Research Fellow Isaac Orr, and Kansas State Rep. Dennis Hedke (R-Butler County).

The Emerging Issues Forum will kick off with a VIP cocktail reception on the evening of Sunday, August 7, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Chicago Downtown. The policy sessions will take place the following day, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the same location.

Register today for the Emerging Issues Forum, where you'll hear about some of the most important emerging issues in public policy, including:

**Health Care.** The panel will discuss how states can expand competition and reduce the cost of health care - even with the Affordable Care Act in place. Solutions that will be discussed include using telemedicine, rolling back certificate of need laws, and embracing direct primary care. The panel will also address Medicaid expansion.

**Energy & Environment.** America has become a leader in energy production despite President Barack Obama's efforts to discourage the use of traditional energy sources, such as coal, natural gas, and oil. This panel will discuss the rise of hydraulic fracturing, demise of renewable power mandates, and other pro-environment, pro-energy, and pro-jobs solutions.

**Budget & Taxes.** States are seeking ways to create a better business climate to attract jobs and businesses to their states. Some states have been passing right-to-work laws, pushing tax reform, and reforming their public pension systems, while others have increased taxes and regulations. This panel will discuss which policies are working and which are not.

**Education.** Education outcomes in America continue to lag globally; the debate over Common Core State Standards remains heated; and educational choice options such as education savings accounts and charter schools continue to grow. This panel will analyze roadblocks to transforming education and will explore ways to improve access to a quality education.

**Social Media Workshop.** Lunch will feature an exclusive workshop with a leading social media expert. This workshop will offer tips and strategies for effectively communicating your policy message on Facebook, Twitter, and on other social media platforms.

For more information about The Heartland Institute or to reserve your place at the Emerging Issues Forum, contact MaryAnn McCabe at 312/377-4000 or email [MMB@heartland.org](mailto:MMB@heartland.org).

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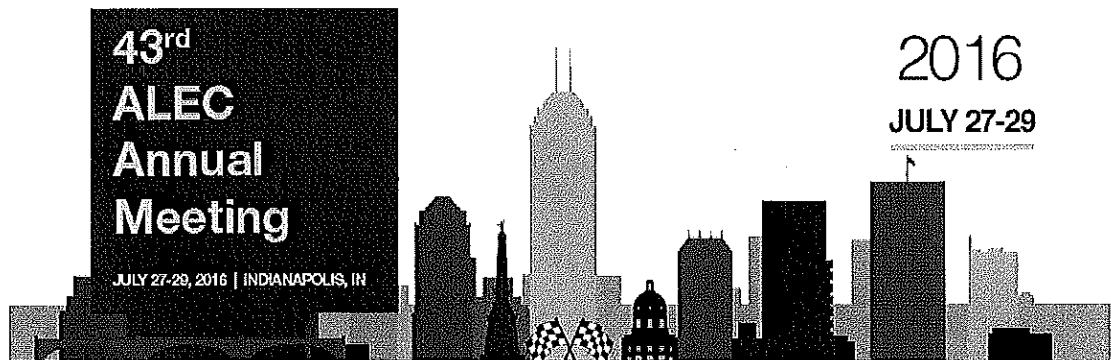
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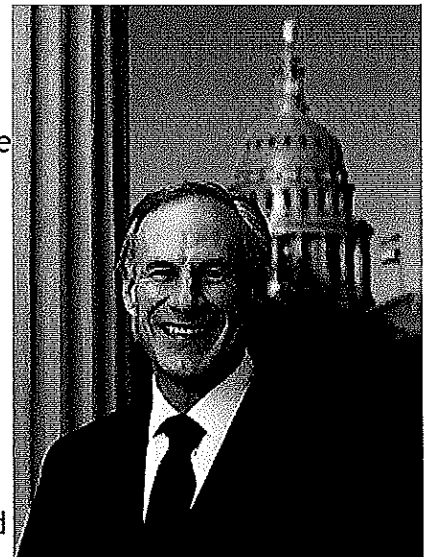
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## **Speaker Announcement!**

ALEC is proud to announce that it will host Texas Governor Greg Abbott as a keynote speaker for the 43rd ALEC Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, IN!

Governor Abbott is currently serving as the 48th Governor of Texas, and has a long record of strong, constitutional leadership in the public sphere. Previously the longest-serving Attorney General in Texas history and a Justice on the Texas Supreme Court, Governor Abbott has long defended the constitutional principles on which the great state of Texas and America were founded. Governor Abbott has already been hailed as one of the most formidable leaders to enter



American politics. It's been said that he can bring a new dimension to conservatism, and even a new approach to government.

Pick up a signed copy of his newly released book, "Broken But Unbowed," in which he shares his deeply personal and inspiring life story at our meeting!

**>> REGISTER NOW**

**Don't forget to make your hotel reservation at  
the JW Marriott before July 1!**

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## Your weekly brief

Below is a list of petitions directed at you. Click on any petition to learn more about it and respond to supporters.

### 7 day summary

(6/15 - 6/22)

**77**

Petitions

**336K**

Supporters

**0**

Constituents

#### PETITIONS TO YOU:

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#### **Reform the Corrupt Adoption Industry in the United States**

74 supporters · 0 constituents





## **Stop Animal Cruelty**

7,105 supporters · 0 constituents



## **JUSTICE FOR HARAMBE**

6,299 supporters · 0 constituents



## **Grandparents rights in Ohio. We deserve to spend time with them!! Please help and sign!**

51 supporters · 0 constituents



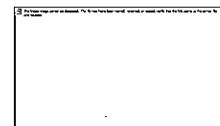
## **Help Me Get Recycling Bins In Northwestern Springfield Ohio!**

98 supporters · 0 constituents



## **Fire Thane Maynard & Shut Down Cincinnati Zoo and All Zoos**

5,695 supporters · 0 constituents



## **Hold Michelle Gregg Responsible For Negligence And Endangering Children**

436 supporters · 0 constituents



**PREVENT DOMESTIC HOMICIDE! Make Non-Fatal Strangulation a Felony in Ohio.**

115,140 supporters · 0 constituents



**Help us pass Ohio Senate Bill 112 (Matthew's Bill)**

2,361 supporters · 0 constituents



**Prevent John Becker's Proposed Unisex Bathroom Ban**

1,036 supporters · 0 constituents



**More parking spots for TRUCK DRIVERS!**

491 supporters · 0 constituents



**Make Carp a Sport Fish/ Make bow fishing illegal.**

417 supporters · 0 constituents



**Reform the Grand Jury System Ohio**

16,748 supporters · 0 constituents



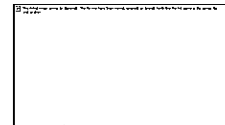
**Ohio: Mandatory For all Special Education Facilities to have Video Cameras**

248 supporters · 0 constituents



**To shut down stone wall limited gun. Shooting range**

30 supporters · 0 constituents



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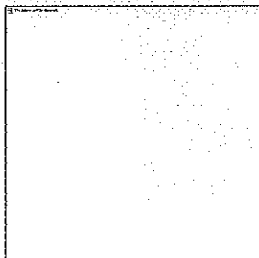
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## **Exclusive Invitation**

It is not too late to join our special luncheon on

### **Obama's Power Grab An Insider's Look at the Case Against the Clean Power Plan**

Featuring the plaintiffs' lead oral advocate

**Elbert Lin**  
**Solicitor General of West Virginia**

Wednesday, June 29  
12:00-1:30 p.m.  
The Athletic Club of Columbus  
136 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH, 43215

President Obama's Clean Power Plan gave the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) unprecedented authority to regulate carbon emissions across the country. To stop the EPA's unconstitutional actions, The Buckeye Institute, a coalition of groups, and 26 states are suing the Obama Administration.

To explain the lawsuit, The Buckeye Institute and Columbus Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society are hosting the Solicitor General of West Virginia, Elbert Lin, the lead oral advocate for the plaintiffs against the Clean Power Plan. The event will be moderated by The Buckeye Institute's president and CEO, Robert Alt. [Click here](#), or the RSVP button below, to register.

**RSVP**

For more info, contact The Buckeye Institute's Erin Sutter at (614) 224-4422.

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## Ohio News & Opinion For June 24, 2016

### News

Government administrators aim to go lean at Ohio conference (Associated Press, 6/24/2016)

Inmate walks off job site in Logan (Athens Messenger, 6/24/2016)

Donald Trump finally hires Ohio campaign manager (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/24/2016)

Hillary Clinton coming to Cincinnati Monday with Elizabeth Warren (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/24/2016)

Poll: Ohio divided on transgender bathrooms (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/24/2016)

Judge overturns Cleveland's restrictions on RNC protests: Ohio Politics Roundup (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Ohio Democrats to push package of gay rights bills: What to watch for Friday (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Proposed amendment advocating prayer in Ohio schools rejected on technicality (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Rob Portman to help rehabilitate homes for Habitat for Humanity during Republican National Convention (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Kasich's Democratic pick for PUCO raises Statehouse concerns over 'past activism' (Columbus Business First, 6/24/2016)

Advocates seek return to civility amid caustic campaign (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)

Campaign veteran Bob Paduchik to lead Trump's Ohio campaign (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)

Ohio recognized for cutting government red tape, saving money (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)

Ohioans in poll oppose choice for transgender bathroom use (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)

State to crack down on drunken boating (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)

Voters support Ohio library building boom (Dayton Daily News, 6/24/2016)

Advocates call for more civility in election discourse (Toledo Blade, 6/24/2016)

## **Editorials**

Gun violence and GOP inaction (Akron Beacon Journal, 6/24/2016)

Cleveland's onerous restrictions on RNC protests must go: editorial (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Dump Trump effort, revived: Editorial Board Roundtable (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

SEIU's \$15 minimum wage issue targets Cleveland for all the wrong reasons: Brent Larkin (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Many owe their lives to Coleman (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)



Can't 97 senators pass a bill? (Toledo Blade, 6/24/2016)

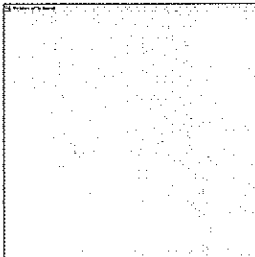
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## National News Alert

The Buckeye Institute is standing up against government bailouts. And this weekend, we went to The Hill to make sure our message is heard nationwide.

In "Will taxpayers be on the hook for Puerto Rico's debt?," Buckeye's Greg Lawson wrote:

Puerto Rico has a huge debt problem. The U.S. territory has amassed around \$72 billion in liabilities, more than 100 percent of its gross national product -- and that does not even include its pension obligations. ...

Rather than deal with the root cause of the problem -- out-of-control spending by its government -- Puerto Rico is turning to the U.S. government as a savior.

With a potential Puerto Rico "bailout" looming this coming week, The Buckeye Institute is sounding the alarm on the likelihood that taxpayers could be forced to pay for irresponsible states in the future. For the full story from The Hill, click here.

Whether in Washington, D.C., Ohio, or other states across the country, The Buckeye Institute will continue to show why free markets -- not government's "free" bailouts -- are the real solution for economic growth and opportunity.

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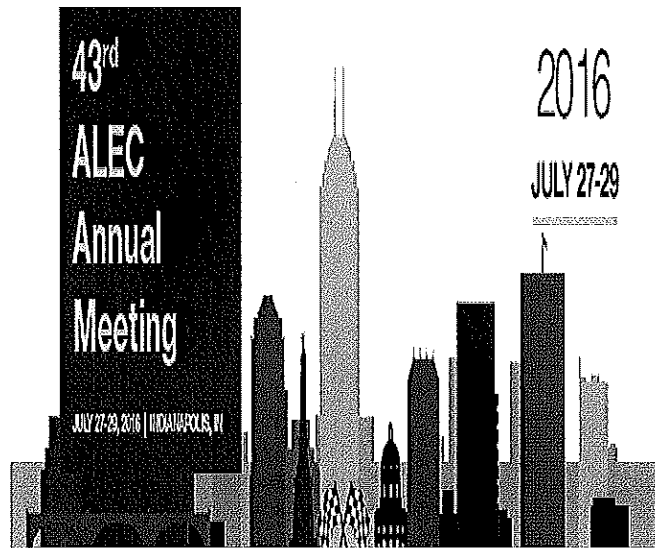
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Register before prices go up  
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Make sure to visit our meetings website  
to receive more information about the  
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events.

**>> REGISTER NOW**



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Join the Women's Caucus on  
Wednesday afternoon for a  
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Conway!

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of the Polling Company,  
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corporation currently in its  
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Times, USA Today, National Review, Human Events, Investors' Business Daily, and Politico and she is a regular on the speaking circuit. She has received the Washington Post's "Crystal Ball" award for accurately predicted elections and co-authored *WHAT WOMEN REALLY WANT: How American Women Are Quietly Erasing Political, Racial, Class, and Religious Lines to Change the Way We Live* (Free Press).

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## Emerging Issues Forum 2016

Please join us for The Heartland Institute's Emerging Issues Call Series

Topic: Budget & Tax Policy with Brandon Arnold Executive Vice President of the National Taxpayers Union

Thursday, June 30 at 3:00 PM EST

You are invited to join The Heartland Institute for the second in a series of conference calls previewing the speakers and topics that will be presented at Heartland's 2016 Emerging Issues Forums. Those events – which are free for lawmakers and staff – will take place on August, 7–8, 2016 in Chicago, Illinois and on December 15–17 in Orlando, Florida.

This month's conference call will feature Brandon Arnold, Executive Vice President of the National Taxpayer Union.

Brandon has testified on fiscal policy before Congress and numerous state legislative committees. He has also appeared on several television and radio networks including C-SPAN, Fox News, Fox Business, BNN, and Russia Today. His writings have appeared in publications including Politico, the American Spectator, the Hill, and the Seattle Times.

Brandon will be discussing ways states are seeking to create a better business climate to attract jobs and businesses to their states. Some states have been passing right-to-work laws, pushing tax reform, and reforming their public pension systems, while others have increased taxes and regulations.

Here are references to review before joining the conference call:

[State Should Switch to 401\(k\) Style Plans](#)

[NTU Joins Coalition Opposed to Hidden Medicare "Tax"](#)

Ten Station Solutions - Budget & Tax

Research & Commentary: Do Right-to-Work Laws Cause Income Inequality?

The monthly emerging issues conference call is sponsored by The Heartland Institute's government relations department, which works to educate lawmakers on free-market solutions to social and economic problems.

Thank you to those who have already sent RSVPs. To register for this call, please contact Lindsey Stroud at [lstroud@heartland.org](mailto:lstroud@heartland.org) or 312/377-4000. Your registration will ensure you receive any follow-up materials from the call.

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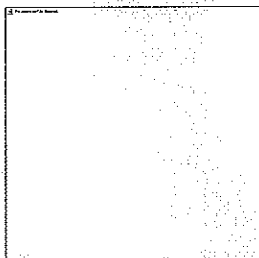
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